

# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



# CHELMSFORD 1988



ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
**Town of Chelmsford**



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

**1988**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated .....	May, 1655
Type of Government .....	Town Meeting
Location .....	Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lowell and Tyngsboro on the North, Billerica on the East, Carlisle on the South, and Westford on the West. It is 24 miles from Boston, 40 miles from Worcester, and 225 miles from New York City.
County .....	Middlesex
Land Area: .....	22.54 Square Miles
Population 1986: .....	31,627
Assessed Valuation Rate 1987 .....	\$1,484,355,124 (Real Estate) \$31,850,038 (Personal Property)
Tax Rate: .....	\$15.56 (\$15.295 Residential—\$16.34 Commercial)
United States Senators in Congress:	
5th Congressional District .....	Chester G. Atkins, Concord
State Senator .....	Carol C. Amick, Bedford
Representative in General Court	
16th Middlesex District .....	Carol C. Clevon, Chelmsford
Accounting Department .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Assessors Office .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday Evenings ..... 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Except June, July & August)
Board of Health .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Highway Department	
Office .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Garage .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Public Libraries	
Adams Library .....	Monday thru Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday ..... 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Children's House .....	Monday thru Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
McKay Library .....	Monday thru Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
School Superintendent .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Town Clerk .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday Evenings ..... 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Except June, July & August)
Tax Collector & Treasurer .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday Evenings ..... 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Except June, July & August)
Veterans' Agent .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## MEETINGS

Annual Election	First Tuesday in April	9 Precincts
Annual Town Meeting	Last Monday in April	McCarthy Jr. High
Selectmen	7:00 p.m.-every other Monday	Town Offices
School Committee	7:30 p.m.-every other Tuesday	Parker School
Planning Board	7:30 p.m.-2nd & 4th Wed. of month	Town Offices
Appeals Board	7:30 p.m.-4th Thursday	Town Offices
Conservation Commission	8:00 p.m.-1st & 3rd Tuesdays	Town Offices
Board of Health	7:00 p.m.-1st Tuesday of month	Town Offices
Housing Authority	7:30 p.m.-1st Tuesday of month	10 Wilson Street

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

(Seated l-r) Dennis J. Ready, Chairman; Henrick R. Johnson, Jr., Vice Chairman  
(Standing l-r) Roger A. Blomgren; Bonita A. Towle, Clerk; Bradford O. Emerson

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held their re-organizational meeting on April 11, 1988, following the Annual Town Election in which Bonita Towle was re-elected to her fourth term on the Board, and former Selectman Bradford O. Emerson elected to fill the chair vacated by John P. Emerson, Jr. Dennis J. Ready was elected Chairman, Henrick R. Johnson, Jr., Vice Chairman and Miss Towle, Clerk. Mr. Emerson and Roger A. Blomgren are the other two members.

Major accomplishments in 1988 included the completion of Phase I and the groundbreaking for Phase II on the Route 129 improvement project; completion of the recreational facilities at Southwell Field, a state and federally funded complex containing playing fields, a park shelter facility and a boat ramp on the Merrimack River, passage of the Cranberry Bog legislation establishing a special conservation district; and submission of legislation creating a Chelmsford Department of Public Works.

The Board of Selectmen applied for and were awarded State grants for a Public Management study of the Selectmen's office, and Public Safety grants for studies of the Police and Fire Departments. Changes in the Selectmen's office included the beginning of implementation of centralized purchasing, regular monthly department head meetings, and the addition of 6-hour per week Occupational Health Nurse funded by the MIIA. The renovation and enlargement of the Town Offices parking lot was completed during the year. And the Selectmen went out for bid on a centralized telephone system for all Town departments, to be installed early in 1989.

Several committees worked diligently with the Board, attempting to alleviate ongoing problems. The Trash Advisory Committee spent long hours and put in much effort to come up with alternatives to present to the Board on the problem of trash collection. They considered various options, including regional facilities, recycling, composting etc. The Committee will be making final recommendations to the Board early in 1989. Two other committees started in 1988 were the Citizens for a Cleaner Chelmsford, who are planning a Town-wide Cleanup Day for April, 1989, and the Community Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee, a group of citizens and officials concerned about the growing alcohol and drug problem in the Community.

The Town continued to participate as a partnership community under the Executive Office of Communities and Development Housing Opportunity Program (HOP). A total of four proposals for Affordable Housing have been presented to the Town, and the Board has endorsed one, a 168 unit proposal on Littleton Road.

The Board of Selectmen continued their active role in the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the Northern Middlesex Area Commission, the Middlesex County Advisory Board and the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Individual Selectmen also served as liaisons between the Board of Selectmen and various town and regional boards and commissions during the year.

Due to the fact that national and state legislative decisions have a great impact on Town affairs, the Board of Selectmen maintained regular contact with Congressman Atkins' office as well as with Senator Carol Amick and State Representative Carol Clevin. The Selectmen wish to express their gratitude to Congressman Atkins, Senator Amick and Representative Clevin for their help and cooperation during the past year.

In closing, the Selectmen, on behalf of the citizens of Chelmsford, wish to express their sincere gratitude to the various Town boards and committees for their accomplishments during the year. It should be remembered that these boards and committees are composed of unpaid volunteers who take many long hours out of their free time to work on issues and projects that benefit the Town of Chelmsford. The Board would also like to recognize our competent and dedicated office staff of Mrs. Judith Carter, Ms. Beth Cutcrumbes and Mrs. Marian Currier.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis J. Ready, Chairman  
 Henrick R. Johnson, Jr., Vice Chairman  
 Bonita A. Towle, Clerk  
 Bradford O. Emerson, Member  
 Roger A. Blomgren, Member  
 Bernard F. Lynch, Executive Secretary

## TOWN CLERK

Mary E. St.Hilaire, Town Clerk  
 Elizabeth L. Delaney, Assistant Town Clerk

<u>Sporting Licenses</u>	<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>Kennel Licenses</u>	<u>Recorded Mortgages</u>
1367	3048	11	772
<u>Births inc.</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
373	263	331	340

## REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY March 8, 1988

\*indicates candidate for re-election

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
<b>PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY</b>										
Pierre S. DuPont, IV	9	6	3	2	5	4	3	3	4	39
Marion G. (Pat) Robinson	10	8	8	9	26	14	3	7	8	93
George Bush	144	119	144	127	146	175	199	153	175	1382
Alexander M. Haig Jr.	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	0	1	13
Jack Kemp	14	21	21	20	30	19	21	24	18	188
Bob Dole	73	58	67	61	96	78	83	57	64	637
No Preference	0	3	0	2	9	4	2	4	5	29
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Blanks	5	2	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>2399</b>
<b>STATE COMMITTEE MAN 5th Middlesex District</b>										
Paul F.X. Powers*	146	123	130	130	189	152	164	142	145	1321
Blanks	111	95	117	96	125	145	150	108	131	1078
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>2399</b>
<b>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN 5th Middlesex District</b>										
Joyce W. Kidd		115	145	125	183	145	181	140	160	1317
Blanks	134	103	102	101	131	152	133	110	116	1082
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>2399</b>
<b>TOWN COMMITTEE GROUP 1</b>										
Richard F. Scott	140	108	123	111	162	161	171	132	152	1260
William R. Logan	166	120	151	117	182	172	190	147	162	1407
Eileen K. Fletcher	145	118	145	115	165	168	180	140	157	1333
Constance A. Pickard	131	105	124	105	157	152	170	131	146	1221
Richard F. Burt Jr.	135	112	126	104	151	153	163	126	145	1215
Walter A. Clevon	155	122	170	137	203	196	208	162	176	1529
Francis X. Harrison, Jr.	126	105	118	99	151	140	155	124	148	1166
John S. Fudge, Jr.	134	110	132	108	153	161	165	130	174	1267
Peter Dulchinos	142	111	149	117	169	165	176	149	153	1331
Janet B. Hendl	129	111	135	103	156	149	171	138	144	1236
Frances S. deJager	125	103	114	98	148	149	159	125	146	1167
Florence E. Morrison	132	105	118	105	156	144	154	121	139	1174
Halvar P. Peterson	131	119	131	104	154	153	163	129	145	1229
Rita M. Gamache	135	106	131	106	154	150	162	133	145	1222
John H. Ketcham	126	108	116	99	148	149	153	123	138	1160
Robert F. Wood	132	107	123	105	159	147	154	126	146	1199
<b>***write-in candidate</b>										
Carol C. Cleven	187	143	185	152	237	222	243	186	211	1766
Nicholas Theochares	127	103	116	99	154	143	155	126	154	1177
Marguerite Waldron	130	106	125	103	151	146	169	129	146	1205
Ivor K. Clements	132	102	114	101	150	142	159	123	143	1166
Linda D. Marinell	130	119	125	107	153	156	162	129	139	1220
Phyllis May Huff	131	106	123	104	154	152	161	130	139	1200
Harry A. Foster	134	121	134	103	158	146	166	131	147	1240
Richard P. Tevlin	130	105	113	105	151	148	159	124	142	1177
<b>GROUP 2</b>										
Daphne G. Freeman	108	79	115	94	132	132	135	102	111	1008
Lewis L. Prager	70	59	72	65	94	76	94	72	80	682
Josephine A. Tambo	66	58	73	67	97	80	113	70	85	709
Nancy P. Clark	90	60	86	76	108	101	104	86	84	795
Janet F. Bonica***	6	4	0	0	0	2	3	2	7	24
John Warren***	3	0	1	3	0	0	1	2	3	13
W. Matthew Whiting***	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	6
All Others	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	5364	4694	5156	4998	6683	6240	6471	5200	5653	50459
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8995</b>	<b>7630</b>	<b>8645</b>	<b>7910</b>	<b>10990</b>	<b>10395</b>	<b>10990</b>	<b>8750</b>	<b>9660</b>	<b>83965</b>

## DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY March 8, 1986

\*\*indicates candidate for re-election

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
<b>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</b>										
Michael S. Dukakis	216	198	230	236	227	208	269	228	174	1986
Albert Gore, Jr.	20	22	20	20	33	32	29	16	20	212
Florenzo DiDonato	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Paul Simon	12	21	15	14	22	16	28	23	17	168
Bruce Babbitt	1	3	3	2	4	2	6	2	4	27
Richard E. Gephardt	64	44	41	72	57	64	62	49	49	502
Jesse L. Jackson	62	66	64	52	31	67	74	82	66	614
Gary Hart	4	7	8	5	3	5	4	8	3	47
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	8
No Preference	7	8	5	10	11	10	6	9	7	73
All Others	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
Blanks	3	3	0	5	2	6	0	5	3	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>3671</b>
<b>STATE COMMITTEE MAN 5th Middlesex District</b>										
Chester G. Atkins*	270	259	283	311	315	271	349	303	220	2581
Blanks	119	113	107	110	125	139	133	120	124	1090
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>3671</b>
<b>STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN 5th Middlesex District</b>										
Carla C. Cataldo	117	112	113	116	131	122	120	122	107	1060
Lorraine Greiff	94	89	97	130	134	137	148	113	82	1024
Blanks	178	171	180	175	175	151	214	188	155	1587
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>3671</b>
<b>TOWN COMMITTEE GROUP 1</b>										
Eleanor D. Abbott	159	165	175	196	222	180	216	177	171	1661
John G. Abbott	159	155	156	189	213	175	200	168	162	1577
Linda J. Allen	160	153	161	196	230	176	199	180	152	1607
Dean J. Bergeron	190	182	176	214	230	200	235	216	156	1799
James Brough	164	157	177	193	210	178	216	184	153	1632
Kathryn Brough	156	159	176	199	216	181	222	181	162	1652
Irene J. Cetaruk	158	157	165	188	202	181	219	181	149	1600
Ruth K. Delaney	191	182	189	258	232	211	243	195	174	1875
Stratos G. Dukakis	175	167	186	213	224	195	241	188	160	1749
John P. Emerson, Jr.	202	192	218	239	240	228	242	217	181	1959
Kathleen S. Fitzpatrick	173	167	193	208	227	201	231	199	167	1766
Susan J. Gates	155	153	157	194	216	170	202	177	154	1578
Joan M. Gauthier	163	158	179	195	215	187	210	172	162	1641
Mark W. Gauthier	170	161	178	195	209	197	214	179	164	1667
James M. Geary, Jr.	202	176	204	229	233	229	253	205	188	1919
Alexander W. Gervais	166	174	168	202	203	179	201	193	146	1632
James M. Harrington	191	180	189	231	236	222	234	208	171	1862
Gloria D. Huber	153	155	163	191	204	180	206	175	146	1573
Richard J. Jerome	152	154	156	187	197	167	193	174	139	1519
Susan G. Koecjhaven	157	158	162	189	210	172	206	171	155	1580
Yvette M. Lemire	152	154	151	195	200	170	200	173	143	1538
Frances T. McDougall	165	159	171	208	202	179	211	180	151	1626
Mary B. McNally	163	165	160	213	206	201	215	183	148	1654
Carl A. Olsson	175	172	177	231	223	226	234	196	182	1816
Judith A. Olsson	165	168	175	228	219	222	226	182	168	1753
Marianne J. Pareksy	160	162	181	192	210	185	208	189	156	1643
Gail Poulten	161	159	173	204	223	185	215	178	160	1658
Samuel Poulten	188	166	180	207	242	201	220	195	171	1770
Dennis J. Ready	186	178	199	224	248	207	264	207	175	1888
Mary E. St. Hilaire	225	213	214	281	257	263	273	228	188	2142
Charles K. Spear	151	149	162	185	195	174	194	176	139	1525
Bonita Towle	203	199	227	270	260	223	262	222	192	2058
Cheryl M. Warshafsky	158	154	158	193	227	178	208	181	148	1605
Karen A. Wharton	162	155	161	185	208	177	199	168	156	1571
Mary E. White	182	173	179	235	223	235	233	201	163	1824
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	7623	7189	7454	7378	7688	7515	9124	8206	6388	68565
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13615</b>	<b>13020</b>	<b>13650</b>	<b>14735</b>	<b>15400</b>	<b>14350</b>	<b>16870</b>	<b>14805</b>	<b>12040</b>	<b>128485</b>



**WARRANT FOR  
THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
April 5, 1988 and April 25, 1988**

Middlesex, SS.

To the constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in their several polling places, Viz:

- Precinct 1. Town Office Building Gymnasium
- Precinct 2. Harrington School Gymnasium
- Precinct 3. Harrington School Gymnasium
- Precinct 4. Westland School Cafeteria
- Precinct 5. Byam School Cafetorium
- Precinct 6. Westland School Cafeteria
- Precinct 7. McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
- Precinct 8. McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
- Precinct 9. Town Office Building Gymnasium

On Tuesday, the fifth (5th) day of April, 1988, being the first Tuesday in said month, at 7:00 A.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their vote for the following officers:

- Two Selectmen for three years
- One Member of the Board of Assessors for three years
- One Member of Board of Health for three years
- One Member of School Committee for three years
- Two Public Library Trustees for three years
- One Park Commissioner for three years
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years
- One Member of Housing Authority for five years
- Three Planning Board Members for three years
- One Sewer Commissioner for three years
- Nine Charter Commission Members

and to vote on the following questions:

**Question 1.**

Shall the Town of Chelmsford be allowed to assess an additional \$1,347,385 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of paying debt services on bonds and

notes excluding bond issues already exempt from proposition two and one-half, so-called, and short-term borrowings in anticipation of revenues or of state or federal aid, for which the money from this assessment will be used for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988?

Yes  
No

**Question 2.**

Shall the Town of Chelmsford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to acquire land for constructing an addition to the Adams Public Library?

Yes  
No

**Question 3.**

Shall the Town of Chelmsford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to construct an addition to the Adams Public Library and renovate the existing Adams Public Library?

Yes  
No

**Question 4.**

"Shall a Commission be elected to frame a Charter for Chelmsford?"

Yes  
No

**Question 5.**

**THE QUESTION IS NONBINDING**

Shall the Town of Chelmsford urge Town Meeting to petition the Great and General Court to consolidate its town departments into a department of Public Works and combine the three water districts into a single entity?

Yes  
No

The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; and to meet in the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium on Monday, the twenty-fifth (25th) day of April, 1988, at 7:30 P.M. in the evening, then and there to act upon the following Articles, Viz:

**ARTICLE I.** To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION April 5, 1988

\*indicates Candidate for re-election

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
<b>SELECTMAN (2) 3 yrs.</b>										
Bonita Towle*	541	426	575	551	571	588	646	480	573	4951
Bradford O. Emerson	508	457	539	515	579	594	673	475	543	4883
All Others	0	2	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	10
Blanks	615	551	682	618	762	685	890	637	732	6172
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1664</b>	<b>1436</b>	<b>1796</b>	<b>1684</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>2212</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>16016</b>
<b>ASSESSOR 3 yrs.</b>										
Richard P. Tevlin	374	310	440	373	447	368	485	350	545	3692
Joseph B. Shanahan Sr.	361	310	330	379	379	429	435	327	294	3244
Blanks	97	98	128	90	132	137	186	119	85	1072
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8008</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yrs</b>										
Paul F. McCarthy*	615	532	665	632	705	688	766	593	662	5858
Blanks	217	186	233	210	253	246	340	203	262	2150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8008</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yrs</b>										
Nicholas G. Gavriel*	311	256	299	318	297	341	384	281	317	2804
Barbara H. Ward	447	383	511	433	591	500	603	444	530	4442
Blanks	74	79	88	91	70	93	119	71	77	762
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8008</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 yrs (2)</b>										
Susan G. Cantin*	514	451	578	554	574	597	659	473	587	4987
Mark W. Gauthier*	525	460	584	536	570	594	687	496	553	5005
Blanks	625	525	634	594	772	677	866	623	708	6024
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1664</b>	<b>1436</b>	<b>1796</b>	<b>1684</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>2212</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>16016</b>
<b>PARK COMMISSIONER 3 yrs **write-in candidates</b>										
Robert L. Wetmore**	8	26	27	7	31	8	19	38	8	172
Walter L. Kivlan III**	8	0	19	126	24	175	7	19	8	386
All Others	2	8	4	1	6	3	11	2	2	39
Blanks	814	684	848	708	897	748	1069	737	906	7411
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8008</b>
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER 3 yrs</b>										
Everett V. Olsen*	582	536	662	606	645	665	743	565	625	5629
All Others	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Blanks	250	182	236	236	312	268	363	231	299	2377
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8008</b>
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY 5 yrs</b>										
Robert L. Hughes*	551	478	619	574	618	640	687	523	578	5268
All Others	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	281	240	279	268	339	294	419	273	346	2739
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8008</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD 3 yrs (3)</b>										
James P. Good	483	386	483	473	550	554	603	432	593	4557
Rosaline M. Boyle*	339	288	425	351	405	432	481	365	400	3486
Kim J. MacKenzie*	393	350	434	384	477	481	548	367	445	3879
Christine A. Gleason	419	368	526	433	511	481	539	443	476	4196
All Others	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	862	762	826	885	930	854	1147	781	858	7905
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2496</b>	<b>2154</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>2526</b>	<b>2874</b>	<b>2802</b>	<b>3318</b>	<b>2388</b>	<b>2772</b>	<b>24024</b>
<b>SEWER COMMISSIONER 3 yrs</b>										
Barry B. Balan*	589	502	637	581	630	674	721	537	618	5489
Blanks	243	216	261	261	328	260	385	259	306	2519
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8008</b>
<b>CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS (9)</b>										
Paul F. Ahern	323	238	325	306	407	303	383	279	342	2906
Cheryl A. Boss	238	195	321	281	311	282	281	312	247	2568
Robert R. Charpentier	252	198	285	254	228	350	308	218	251	2344
William F. Dalton	190	187	188	180	178	193	178	180	148	1622
Phyllis M. Elias	254	177	271	248	384	268	374	243	370	2589
James M. Geary Jr.	370	283	405	346	383	460	511	360	368	3486
Robert P. Joyce	353	147	181	228	217	220	234	172	303	2055
Mary Ann Koulas	232	178	241	237	306	258	381	223	237	2293
David J. McLachlan	249	155	228	224	289	321	337	231	220	2254
Thomas D. Miskell	133	253	185	157	133	140	126	220	122	1469
John W. Peters	200	155	259	198	220	319	361	199	236	2147
Frederick H. Reid	274	232	243	276	384	311	306	238	243	2507
Patricia A. Saber	188	122	158	164	241	161	177	152	296	1659

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
Mary E. St. Hilaire	443	374	494	448	422	545	576	416	473	4191
Jonathan C. Stubbs	129	113	213	96	135	122	182	130	140	1260
John T. Warren	240	173	201	317	268	325	259	207	263	2253
Cheryl Warshafsky	226	181	261	252	338	298	328	229	284	2397
Blanks	3194	3101	3623	3366	3778	3530	4552	3155	3773	32072
TOTAL	7488	6462	8082	7578	8622	8406	9954	7164	8316	72072
<b>QUESTION 1</b>										
Yes	337	215	433	269	432	372	507	319	395	3279
No	479	491	455	560	512	549	590	463	516	4615
Blanks	16	12	10	13	14	13	9	14	13	114
TOTAL	832	718	898	842	958	934	1106	796	924	8008
<b>QUESTION 2</b>										
Yes	313	202	400	268	385	362	484	263	390	3067
No	506	507	482	555	551	556	604	509	520	4790
Blanks	13	9	16	19	22	16	18	24	14	151
TOTAL	832	718	898	842	958	934	1106	796	924	8008
<b>QUESTION 3</b>										
Yes	308	197	400	254	370	365	491	268	399	3052
No	503	504	470	560	561	545	592	506	503	4744
Blanks	21	17	28	28	27	24	23	22	22	212
TOTAL	832	718	898	842	958	934	1106	796	924	8008
<b>QUESTION 4</b>										
Yes	528	329	570	424	563	567	686	427	569	4663
No	259	347	272	372	334	319	344	313	303	2863
Blanks	45	42	56	46	61	48	76	56	52	482
TOTAL	832	718	898	842	958	934	1106	796	924	8008
<b>QUESTION 5</b>										
Yes	500	239	554	431	595	567	706	372	585	4549
No	289	450	294	368	298	312	327	373	290	3001
Blanks	43	29	50	43	65	55	73	51	49	458
TOTAL	832	718	898	842	958	934	1106	796	924	8008

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING April 25, 1988

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium at 8:00 PM, by the Moderator Dennis McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 532 voters present.

Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously. Selectman Ready moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously.

The Moderator then asked permission from the Town Meeting body to allow Bernard Lynch, Thomas Carroll, and William Mullen to speak when necessary. These people are non-residents who work for the Town and may have to explain an article. Motion carried.

The Moderator then pointed out the fire exits, and explained that the newly-elected Charter Commissioner's had passed out a survey form, he asked the Body to fill it out and return it to the boxes so marked. The Moderator then read a list of the Students elected as participants to the April 28, 1988 Student Government Day activities. They are as follows

Board of Selectman  
Mark Gilboard  
Peter Hocknell  
Scott Nussbum  
Craig Richardson  
Heid White

Town Clerk  
Paul Ricciardi

State Senator  
Kevin Groman

Board of Assessors  
Bobo Cruickshank  
Michelle Kaczowka  
Karen McClure

Housing Authority  
Kim Marsella  
Lauren Thomas

Police Chief  
Ryan Kuchler  
Beth Scoville, Ass't.

Board of Health  
Alison Adamian  
Christopher Chew  
Stacey Kelley

School Committee  
Stacey Hallal  
Shannon Barry  
John Duggan  
Leslie Kraham  
David Regan

State Representative  
Katy Wood

Planning Board  
Rick Burt  
Cathy Kaczowka  
Dawn Wholey

Town Accountant  
Jack Wang

Fire Chief  
David Beaton  
Frank Sorracco, Ass't

Supt. of Streets Jennifer Simard	Cemetery Supt. Michael Smith
Wiring Inspector Gregg Silver	Building Inspector Don Hearn
Supt. of Public Buildings Ben King	Supt. of Schools Mary Dukakis
Exec. Sec. Bd. of Selectmen Tricia Olenshak	Town Aide Nancy Shaw
Finance Committee Jason Howard Sonal Shah Mick Mecuri	Veteran's Agent Kim Corcoran
Town Engineer Anjali Sharma	Sewer Commissioners John Edwards Julie Lee Dana Klayner
Library Trustees Jenny Atkinson Inna Makovoz	Treasurer/Tax Collector Neil Costa

The Students were present and given a round of applause. A moment of silence was asked for by the Moderator, in honor of Claude A. Harvey, who passed away August 14, 1987. At various times Mr. Harvey held the elected office of Selectman, Assessor, Member of the Housing Authority, and other appointed offices. The Moderator then explained the Town Meeting procedure to the voters present.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

Selectman Ready moved to hear nominations from the floor for the Varney Playground Commission. Motion carried. Selectman Ready moved to nominate Donald T. Wholey for a three year term. The Moderator asked for any more nominations, hearing none he declared that nominations were closed. The Moderator then asked for a voice vote on Donald T. Wholey as commissioner for three years, it was so voted, unanimously.

The Moderator moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 8:10 PM in order to conduct a Public Budget Hearing of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. Motion carried, unanimously.

Dwight Hayward, Chairman of the Finance Committee discussed the Federal Revenue Sharing amount. The amount is \$7200.00 and it is the interest from the monies received over the years. It will be used in fiscal year 1988-1989, and should be allocated to the salary line item under the Highway Department. He then moved that the sum \$7200.00 be used to reduce the salary account of the Highway Department. The Moderator asked for any discussion or questions, hearing none, he asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked if there

was any further discussion needed. Hearing none, he declared the meeting closed, and reconvened the Annual Town Meeting at 8:15 PM.

Dwight Hayward then gave a brief explanation of the Town's financial situation, and the Finance Committee's position.

William Dalton presented to James Harrington, Town Counsel a proposal used by the Town of Tewksbury concerning the order of articles being taken up on the night of Town Meeting, (lottery system). He felt that this would avoid special interest groups appearing on the night that "their article" was to be voted. He asked that Town Counsel report at the next adjourned meeting if this system could be used for Chelmsford.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Alan Murphy, Chairman of the Personnel Board explained the different areas that were going to be amended within this by-law. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended the article. William Dalton asked questions concerning the wording of the article and the need for a Personnel Director at this time, considering the financial situation. Selectman Bradford Emerson felt that this would become an expensive department down the road once the funding of a state grant was over. Was there really a need? Selectman Roger Blomgren explained that this position was necessary. He showed graphics which broke down the job description showing the areas where money would be saved in the long run. He then moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, which left the chair in doubt, he then asked for a show of hands, motion defeated. James Doukswicz, Town Treasurer, spoke in favor of the Personnel Director. His office handles the medical insurance via payroll deduction for all the Town Employees, plus all the retired Town Employees who make over the counter payments. Any notice of increases or change in the policies are also sent from his office. This is very time consuming and is an area that the Personnel Director should handle. Richard Jerome spoke against the line item, however he felt that perhaps the Selectmen may want to amend the article to read that the position would only be for one year to see if the need is really there. Selectman Ready said that the grant requires the Town vote to fund 25% of the salary this year. Next year the town would have to vote to fund 50% of the salary. At that time the voters could decide if the need is there. Selectman Johnson said that the need is there, however the Town just cannot afford to hire an individual at this time when we will be laying off other employees. A voice vote was taken on the article, motion defeated. Norman LeBrecque moved to reconsider the article. The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen were in favor of reconsideration. Alan Murphy spoke in favor. A voice vote was taken motion carried. Selectman Johnson moved to delete Line item 15 in section 5 Human Resource Director. The Finance Committee was against the motion. A voice vote was taken, motion defeated. The voice vote was questioned. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried. The show of hands was questioned, an actual hand count was requested. The following tellers came forward and a hand count was taken:

Jocelyn Anthony      David McLachlan      Norman LeBrecque

Margaret Johnson    Jane Drury            Linda Allen  
Edward Hilliard      Michael Anthony      Jack Peters  
Walter Cleven         Judy Haas

result: Yes 228    No 175    motion carried to amend.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended, motion carried.

Alan Murphy moved that the Town vote to amend the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law to be effective July 1, 1988 as follows:

- Under Section 6, "Classification of Town Employees," amend Subsection (E)—"Wage and Salary Schedule" by deleting the existing schedule and substituting the following:

**E. WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE**  
**JULY 1, 1988-JUNE 30, 1989**

Grade Level	Salary Range
1	\$ 8,070 - \$10,047
1A	13,108 - 16,319
1B	14,816 - 18,446
1C	16,526 - 20,575
1D	19,945 - 24,832
2	25,075 - 31,218
3	33,623 - 41,861
4	38,753 - 48,248
5	43,884 - 54,636

- Amend under Section 8 subtitled "Increases Within Grade Levels and Promotions" by adding a new paragraph (E):

(E) The total number of employees receiving more than a one step merit increase during the fiscal year shall not exceed 5 percent of the number of all employees under the jurisdiction of the Personnel Board.

- Amend under section 7 subtitled "Hiring of New Employees" by adding a new paragraph (C):

(C) Part-time clerks to the Personnel Board, Historic District Commission, Finance Committee, Cable TV Commission, Traffic and Safety Committee and Council of Aging may be employed by the Town without a medical examination.

- Amend under section 24 subtitled "Job Titles and Standard Rates of Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law" by deleting the following positions:

**Administrative & Clerical**

15. Administrative Assistant to The Planning Board

**Recreation**

- Director/Youth Center
- Clerk, Part-Time
- Playground Supervisor
- Youth Center Supervisor
- Youth Center Leader

- Amend under section 24 subtitled "Job Titles and Standard Rates of Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law" by adding the following positions:

**Administrative & Clerical**

- Human Resources Director
- Assessor-Part Time

- Amend under section 24 subtitled "Job Titles and Standard Rates of Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law" by the renumbering the following positions:

**Recreation**

- Waterfront Director
- Swimming Instructor
- Lifeguard
- Recreation Specialist
- Recreation Leader

and adding the following position:

**Recreation**

- Program Supervisor

UNDER ARTICLE 2A Alan Murphy, Chairman of the Personnel Board explained the article. The Library Director was being increased a level to reflect the start of the proposed three year program to upgrade salaries within the Library Department. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article as presented. Discussion followed. Alan Murphy moved to delete line item 15 Human Resources Director under Administrative and Clerical. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the amendment. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended. Motion carried. Article 2A reads as follows:

Alan Murphy, Chairman of the Personnel Board moved that the Town vote to amend the Personnel Wage and Salary By-law by further amending Section 24, "Job Titles and Standard Rates for Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law" to conform to rates to pay negotiated by the Town with certain labor organizations, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 150E, and to reflect current salaries and grade levels under the Personnel By-Law as follows:

	7/87 - 7/88 Current Level	Current Salary	7/88 - 6/89 Proposed Level	Proposed Salary
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE &amp; CLERICAL</b>				
1. Executive Secretary	5		5	
2. Town Accountant	3		3	
3. Veteran's Agent	2		2	
4. Council on Aging Director	2		2	
5. Assistant to Assessors	1D		1D	
6. Assistant Town Clerk	2		2	
7. Assistant Treasurer	2		2	
8. Clerk, Senior	1C		1C	
9. Clerk, Junior	1C		1C	
10. Clerk, Part-Time	1A		1A	
11. Town Counsel	\$500 P.A.		\$500 P.A.	
12. Board of Reg., Three Members	\$500 EA.		\$500 EA.	
13. Assistant Town Accountant	2		2	
14. Admin. Assistant to the Ex- ecutive Secretary	1D		1D	
15. Human Resources Director	—		3	
16. Town Clerk	3		3	
17. Town Treasurer/Collector	3		3	
18. Assessor	3		3	

**CONSERVATION, PARKS & CEMETERY**

1. Cemetery Superintendent	2		2
2. Supt. of Insect and Pest Control		\$1,250 P.A.	\$1,250 P.A.
3. Landscaper—Park	1A		1A
4. Laborer—Park	1A		1A
5. Unskilled Laborer	#2, #3		#2, #3
6. Skilled Forest Workman—Conservation	1A		1A
7. Equipment Operator	1C		1C
8. Park Superintendent	2		2

**CUSTODIAL**

1. Custodian	1B		1B
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**LIBRARY**

1. Library Director	3		4
2. Library Department Head	1D		1D
3. Library Specialists	1C		1C
4. Library Assistant	1B		1B
5. Library Clerk	1A		1A
6. Maintenance Assistant	1B		1B
7. Page	#2, #3		#2, #3
8. Library Assistant Director	2		2
9. Maintenance Specialist	1C		1C

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Highway Superintendent	3		3
2. Highway Foreman	2		2

**TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Fire Chief	#2		#2
2. Deputy Fire Chief	4		4
3. Captain	#2		#2
4. Truck Mechanic (Fire and Police)	2		2
5. Auto Mechanic (Fire and Police)	1D		1D

**TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. Police Chief	5		5
2. Deputy Chief	4		4
3. Captain	3		3
4. Trainee	359.50 P.W.		359.50 P.W.

**RECREATION**

1. Waterfront Director	1A		1A
2. Swimming Instructor	1A		1A
3. Lifeguard	1A		1A
4. Program Supervisor	1B		1B
5. Recreation Specialist	1A		1A
6. Recreation Leader	1A		1A

**OTHER POSITION**

1. Building Inspector	3		3
2. Electric Inspector	2		2
3. Local Inspector	2		2
4. Gas Inspector	#2	\$8,500 P.A.	#2 \$8,500 P.A.
5. Dog Officer	1D		1D
6. Assistant Dog Officer	1A		1B
7. Van Driver	1B		1B
8. Sealer of Weights & Measures	#2	\$2,000 P.A.	#2 \$2,000 P.A.
9. Animal Inspector	#2	\$1,000 P.A.	#2 \$1,000 P.A.
10. Clock Winder	#2	\$ 200 P.A.	#2 \$ 200 P.A.
11. Town Engineer	3		3
12. Assistant Town Engineer	2		2
13. Respite Core Program Director	1D		1D
14. Home Delivered Meals Coordinator	1A		1A
15. Superintendent of Buildings	1D		1D
16. Senior Citizens Activities Coordinator	1B		1B

**FOOTNOTES**

#1—Represented by Collective Bargaining

#2—Not in "Job Rating Plan"

#3—\$4.25/Hr. first year, \$4.75/Hr. second year, \$5.25/Hr. third year

UNDER ARTICLE 3 Raymond McCusker, petitioner, explained that due to the financial situation of the Town he moved to withdraw this article and the next two. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 4 Raymond McCusker moved to withdraw this article. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 5 Raymond McCusker moved to withdraw this article. Motion carried unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 6 James Doukzewicz, Town Treasurer moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate,

the sum of \$22,500.00 to engage a private accounting firm to prepare an audit of all accounts and all departments in the Town of Chelmsford.

The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 7 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved to dismiss this article.

Selectman Ready explained that there were no previous years bills. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 8 D. Lorraine Lambert, Chairman of the Library Trustees, moved to dismiss this article.

David McLachlan explained that the Library Building Committee could not at this time purchase land to expand the Library onto. Due to the question failing on the April 5th Town Election ballot asking to be allowed to be exempt from Proposition 2½. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended dismissal. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 9 D. Lorraine Lambert, Chairman of the Library Trustees, moved to dismiss this article.

Susan Cantin, Library Trustee explained that the Library Trustees will come back in the future asking to expand the present library facilities. The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen were in favor of the dismissal. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 10 Paul Canniff, Chairman of the Board of Health, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the completion of the closure plan of the Swain Road Landfill, including loaming and seeding; Groundwater monitoring and sampling as required by the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE); Combustible gas monitoring as required by DEQE; and miscellaneous site work not previously anticipated; and that the Board of Health be authorized to apply for, accept and expend any state and federal grants and local monies that may be available for the project.

John Emerson of the Board of Health, explained that this was the final phase of the closing of the dump. If this work is not done then the town could be subject to a \$1,000.00 a day fine. The Finance Committee supported the motion. The Board of Selectmen recommend the article. A discussion took place. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. Motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 11 Raymond McKeon, Chief of Police, moved to dismiss this article.

Chief McKeon spoke about the article. He explained that the Traffic Control Unit has been effective. Drivers are being forced to watch their speed. And a majority of the traffic violations are out of town drivers. Revenues are coming in as a result of this. However, due to the financial condition of the Town this unit must be dissolved as of June 30th.

The Finance Committee supported the motion to dismiss. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 12 Raymond McKeon, Chief of Police, moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$45,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing 3 police cruisers for the Police Department and to sell by good and sufficient bill of sale five (5) obsolete vehicles; and moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto, and all contracts to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee recommended the motion. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. A discussion took place. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, which left the chair in doubt. The tellers came forward and a hand count was taken,  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's vote required. Yes 346, No 4,  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's equals 252, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 John Emerson, Chairman of the Sewer Commission, moved to amend the article Line item 15 as follows: Delete the present wording of Drainage Facilities Plan Study Work and add in its place Drainage Projects and related studies thereto. James Doukaszewicz Capital Planning Chairman moved to amend the article. The first two line items should read Asbestos removal McCarthy auditorium \$125,000.00 and Asbestos materials study plan for all bldgs. \$52,500.00. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the other line items in this article. Carl Olsson, Chairman of the School Committee explained the \$160,000.00 needed for the repairing the boys locker room at the High School. Neil Doherty questioned the expense of the Library's computer. James Doukaszewicz explained the line item. Mr. Doherty also questioned the School Computers lines. Thomas Carroll of the School Department explained that the Vax system needed to be updated. This additional drive would improve the present system. As for the terminals, repairs have been done in the past, now they needed to be replaced. The cost of traffic lights installed at Hunt/Littleton Road was questioned. James Doukaszewicz explained that it was a dangerous intersection, there had already been one fatality. The Town could be held liable in the future if this intersection was not improved. A number of residents of the area spoke in favor. William Dalton of the Traffic Safety Committee asked for support of the line item. More discussion followed. Barry Balan moved the question. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend the Sewer Department's line item. Motion Carried. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend the School's first two line item figures. Motion carried. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended in its entirety. This left the Chair in doubt. A unanimous vote or  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's hand vote is needed. The Teller's came forward and a hand count was taken: Yes 244, No 31,  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's was 184, motion carried. The article reads as follows:

James Doukaszewicz, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,711,575.00 for the following capital projects:

Dept.	Item	Cost Approximation
School	Asbestos removal McCarthy Auditorium	\$125,000.00
School	Asbestos materials study plan for all bldgs.	52,500.00
School	Handicap accessibility to inner bldg. areas at Westland, Harrington, Parker, High School	35,000.00
School	Boys locker room at high school repairs	160,000.00
School	McCarthy roofs recoated	7,500.00
School	Student furniture replaced (500 units)	30,000.00
School	Panic hardware replaced at five schools	60,000.00
School	Parker gym floor replaced	75,000.00
School	P.A. control boards replaced at Byam & So. Row	15,000.00
School	Carpeting/title work in open classroom area (Byam)	50,000.00
School	Reseal H.V.A.C. units on room at high school	18,000.00
School	Drainage and paving work in washed out area at Byam	35,000.00
School	Add disc drive to Vax system	18,000.00
School	Computer terminals in math lab./some administrative terminals replaced too	35,000.00
Sewer	Drainage projects and related studies	165,000.00
Sewer	Office computer equipment 7 maint. contract	67,500.00
Fire	Mobil radios replaced	10,000.00
Fire	Service truck replaced	20,000.00
Traffic Safety	Lights at Hunt Rd./Littleton Rd. installed	120,000.00
Traffic Safety	Improvements at Golden Cove Rd./Billerica Rd.	20,000.00
Selectmen	Central telephone system at town ofc. building	40,000.00
Highway	Street resurfacing work	426,000.00
Highway	Diesel 4 whl. drive backhoe	60,000.00
Highway	Diesel dump truck	47,000.00
Library	Computer for administrative use	8,000.00
Cemetery	Replace 4 whl. drive tractor/loader	12,075.00
TOTAL		\$1,711,575.00

and I move that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, to borrow the sum of \$1,711,575.00 to fund these obligations with the approval of the Selectmen, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Selectman Ready moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday evening May 1, 1988, 7:30 PM to the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium. Motion carried, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 2, 1988

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM at the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium, by the Moderator Dennis McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 445 voters present.

The Moderator reminded the voters present where the fire exits were located. Selectman Dennis Ready moved to allow Bernard Lynch, Thomas Carroll and William Mullen who are non-residents to speak from time to time. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 14 Selectman Dennis Ready moved to table this article and refer it to the Charter Commission to be included as part of the Charter. Dwight Hayward, Chairman of the Finance Committee said the committee was against the motion. They felt that the question has been voted at the recent Town Election to form a Public Works Department and that this article should be acted upon. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to table the article, motion defeated. The Moderator then asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee felt that the proponents of the article should speak first, then they would give their recommendation. Selectman Roger Blomgren spoke about the article. He thanked the School Committee, Finance Committee and Representative Carol Clevon for their help and support of the article. He felt that consolidation of these departments were best for the future of the Town. This is based on a report which was done by Bennett and Shaw. The Town would be able to maintain the present quality of service of these departments without cutting back. Cost wise it would be better. Equipment will be shared within the departments. Selectman Blomgren explained that a report done by Bennett & Shaw made a number of other recommendations for the Town to follow. The Finance Committee supported the article. They felt that this is what the people in town wanted. Before the Moderator acknowledged any other voters, he made a point of order. Any voter after speaking on an article, would not be allowed to move the question to end debate, after speaking. Everett Olsen, a member of the Cemetery Commission, moved to exclude the Cemetery Commission from this article. He said the study that was done in 1978 on the possibility of forming a DPW stated that the Cemetery Department shouldn't be included under the DPW. He said that the Commission has been established since 1890. Mass. General Laws Chapter 114, specify the duties of the Commission. The Commission is in charge of the perpetual care account which can only be used by them. The Finance Committee is against the motion to delete. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, which left the Chair in doubt. He then asked for a show of hands, motion carried. More discussion took place. When would this go into effect? Under whose jurisdiction would the Department come under. The Selectmen explained that once it was passed, it would go on to the Legislature for approval, if approved by them, then it would come back to the Town Meeting for a final vote. The Board of Selectmen would be in charge of the DPW. They would appoint a person to be in charge of the department. It was questioned that perhaps further study should be done before voting. Selectmen Bradford Emerson said that because of these questions and others this is the reason why a majority of the Selectmen wants to table the article. Cheryl Boss of the Finance Committee questioned why the Board after first recommending the article now want to table it. Selectman Blomgren explained that he was on the minority of the Board who wanted to table this. He felt

that the people in town voted in favor of consolidation, and that the Selectmen and Town Meeting body should vote for it. If voted, then the Selectmen would have one year to iron out the problems and prepare a budget showing exactly what would be involved via personnel and expenses. At that time the Town Meeting could decide if they really wanted to consolidate. Michael Anthony moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion as amended, motion carried. The article reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Special Legislation establishing a Town of Chelmsford Public Works Department, said department consisting of the following departments:

Highway Department

Engineering Department

Recreation Department

Public Buildings Department

Tree Warden

Sewer Commission (Year 2005)

Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District (when terminated pursuant to special act which created said District)

Park Department with said Public Works. Department being organized pursuant to a report prepared by Bennett and Shaw Inc. Management Consultants entitled "FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR JANUARY 12, 1988. Said bill, when approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, to be approved in its final form by the voters at an Annual or Special Town Meeting in order for it to be implemented;

Dennis McHugh, Moderator made a point of order. Due to being the Legal Counsel for the North Chelmsford Water Commission, he was stepping down as Moderator. He nominated James Harrington, Town Counsel as Acting Moderator for this article. Motion carried. James Harrington came forward and was sworn in by the Town Clerk Mary E. St. Hilaire.

UNDER ARTICLE 15 Selectman Roger Blomgren explained the article and presented facts and figures in support of the article. The Finance Committee was in favor of the article. Especially due to the fact a non-binding question was placed on the April 5th Town Election and passed. Plus the sewer department will be going on line soon and this would avoid duplicating services. James Geary, representing the Center Water District asked about legal issues that would effect that district as well as the East and North



Water Districts. The districts have been established since 1930, 1933 and 1935 and the districts have worked well in serving the inhabitants. He also stated that in October 1973, Town Counsel at that time, Clement McCarthy gave an opinion outlining to the Board of Selectmen areas of consolidation. Those steps mentioned in 1973 should be followed now. He pointed out that it is necessary for the inhabitants of each district to vote at their annual meetings to approve any future merger. This was done in 1982-1983 when the South merged with the Center district. The actual vote took place in January and February 1984. The financial situation of merging was questioned. The districts have different expenses. Does Proposition 2½ come into this? John Emerson, Chairman of the Sewer Commission, spoke in favor of this. Due to sewerage soon starting, centralize billing will be needed to be done. The water supply belongs to everyone in Town. It should not be divided by districts. The Town would be better having one district under the Town's jurisdiction charging the same rate. Ronald Wetmore, Treasurer of the Center Water District, spoke against the article. He explained that the Center District has improved its services, it has invested in a computer system that will be able to handle any an all billing. All the water districts now help each other out via equipment use etc. This includes surrounding Towns and the City of Lowell. A lengthy discussion took place. Voters spoke for and against the consolidation. Peter Lawlor of the Finance Committee spoke in favor. Jacob Sartz, Commissioner of the East District and Bruce Clark, Commissioner of the North District, spoke against the article. Joe Erbacher moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried. The Moderator attempted to voice vote which left the chair in doubt. The following tellers came forward and a hand count was taken:

Margaret Johnson	Jocelyn Anthony	Walter Clevon
Norman LeBrecque	Michael Anthony	Jean Horgan
Jane Drury	John Carson	Judy Hass
Lynn Marcella	Jonathan Stubbs	

Result of the hand count: Yes 189, No 178, the motion carried. Voters questioned the hand count. The Tellers were called back and conducted another hand count. Yes 187, No 179, the motion carried.

The article reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Special Legislation to (1) abolish the three (3) Water Districts currently existing in the Town of Chelmsford known as the North Chelmsford Water District, Chelmsford Water District, a/k/a Chelmsford Center Water District, and East Chelmsford Water District and transfer all Assets and Debts thereto to the newly-created Chelmsford Water Department as hereinafter established and (2) to create a single entity to be known as the Chelmsford Water Department operating under the control of Town Meeting, which would have the right to establish rates and budgets, authorized bonding, take property and determine organization, all as pursuant to a report prepared by Bennett and Shaw, Inc. Management Consultants entitled "FEASIBILITY STUDY OF A CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS, JANUARY 12, 1988. Said bill, when approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, to be approved in its final form by the voters at an Annual or Special Town Meeting in order for it to be implemented.

Edward Marshall moved that the meeting adjourn until 7:30 PM Monday evening May 9, 1988, at the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

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Dennis McHugh,  
Moderator

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Mary E. St.Hilaire,  
Town Clerk

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 9, 1988

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium, by the Moderator Dennis McHugh who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 478 voters present.

The Moderator reminded voters of the location of the fire exits and where to leave the Charter Commission survey forms. He also asked permission from the Town Meeting body to allow Bernard Lynch, Thomas Carroll, William Mullen, who are non-residents to speak from time to time. Motion carried, unanimously.

Dwight Hayward, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to take articles 18, 19, and 20 out of order. Due to a Special Town Meeting being posted to start at 8:00 PM, the budget is the next article to come up. These articles do not involve any money therefore they could be acted on prior to the special. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 18 James Doukzewicz, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, to enter into compensating balance agreements, during fiscal 1989, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 41, Section 53F.

The Finance Committee recommended the article. The purpose of the article is to permit the Treasurer to maintain compensating balances in exchange for services received. He cited as an example the payroll processing charges are at no cost to the Town from the bank where our deposit of funds are. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 19 James Doukzewicz, Town Treasurer, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the

revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1988, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17 and 17(a).

The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 20 John F. McCarthy, Chairman of the Planning Board moved that the Town vote to amend the Chelmsford Zoning By-Law by deleting the present zoning map and substituting the redrafted map proposed by the Planning Board, as filed with the Town Clerk, and displayed at the Annual Town Meeting.

James Harrington, Town Counsel explained that this article is to make a correction on the zoning map. A small area in South Chelmsford (the Sunoco Gas Station on Acton Road) was inadvertently zoned (P) Public when it should have been left as (CB) Roadside.

The Moderator read the Planning Board's recommendation, submitted by John F. McCarthy, Chairman. "The Planning Board held a public hearing on April 13, 1988 and voted in favor (6-0) of the proposal to amending the zoning by-laws and zoning map from (P) Public to Roadside (CB)."

The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

James Harrington, Town Counsel, moved to take Articles 21, 22, 23, and 24 out of order at this time to be acted on prior to the Special Town Meeting scheduled for 8:00 PM. The Finance Committee. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 21 The Moderator read the article. He then asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. Dwight Hayward explained that the Committee would like to hear the petitioner's explanation first. The Moderator asked for the petitioner to come forward and speak and explain the purpose of petition. The petitioner was not present, therefore the Finance Committee did not recommend the article. A voice vote was taken, motion defeated. (this was reconsidered see after art. 28)

UNDER ARTICLE 22 The Moderator read the article. He then asked the petitioner to come forward and explain the purpose of wanting the land. Seeing that no one came forward, the Finance Committee recommended not to accept the article. Motion defeated by voice vote. (this was reconsidered see after art. 26)

UNDER ARTICLE 23 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined to convey and transfer all rights, title and interest, if any held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land on Elton Road, shown as Lots 3 46 and 47, on Assessors' Map 45.

The Moderator asked the petitioner to come forward and explain the purpose of wanting the land. The petitioner

Steve Masse, a non-resident, asked for permission to speak on the article. Voice vote taken, motion carried. He explained that he owns the land abutting the property. He wanted to buy the land and be able to build on the combined two parcels. The Finance Committee recommended passage. A voice vote was taken, which left the Chair in doubt. The following tellers came forward to take a hand count:

Jane Drury	Margaret Johnson	Bill Drury
Judy Hass	Jean Horgan	Dave Fenn
Jonathan Stubbs	Walter Cleven	Carolyn Fenn
Edward Marshall	Elizabeth Marshall	

Result of the hand count Yes: 276, No: 5, Motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 24 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration being set by bid or auction of said property hereinafter described to convey and transfer all rights, title and interest, if any held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land on North Road, shown as Lot 55 on Assessors' Map 168.

The Moderator asked the petitioner to come forward and explain the purpose of wanting the land. John Smith who abutts the property spoke on the article. He explained that the land is wet, he wants to purchase it and keep it open as a place for birds and other animals to go to. He knows that it is unbuildable. The Finance Committee recommended the article. A discussion took place concerning the exact location. It was explained that the land is land locked and runs north of Mr. Smith's land. At the time of putting this on the warrant other people were interested in purchasing the land. That is why the wording mentions bid or auction. The land will be appraised, then the land will go to the highest bidder. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, which left the chair in doubt. A  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's vote is required. A hand count was taken. Yes: 302, No: 3, Motion carried.

At this time Selectman Ready moved to recess the Annual Town meeting for the purpose of conducting the Special Town Meeting. The Annual Town meeting shall reconvene immediately after the Special Town Meeting. Motion carried, unanimously. The meeting recessed at 8:10 PM.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING May 9, 1988

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:11 PM. Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously. Selectman Ready moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously.

The Moderator asked to allow Bernard Lynch, Thomas Carroll, William Mullen and Attorney Thomas Arnold, Special Town Counsel, to address the Town Meeting Body if necessary. He explained that Town Counsel James Harr-

ington had a conflict with some of the up coming articles. Attorney Arnold would address any questions during this Special Town Meeting. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 Selectman Dennis Ready, moved that the Town vote to transfer (1) the sum of \$13,576.00 from the State Reimbursements for Hurricane Gloria and Flood Damage (2) the sum of \$10,109.00 from Federal Reimbursements from Hurricane Gloria and (3) the sum of \$11,193.00 from Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of January 27, 1986 to the Highway Department, Line 81 Salary.

Bernard Lynch explained that this money totals \$34,878.00 and will be used to pay for accrued sick time for three Highway Department employees who have retired within the last twelve months. This will be added to the Highway Departments salary line item. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer (1) the sum of \$32,259.00 from Overlay Surplus and (2) the sum of \$228,741.00 from Surplus Revenue to Insurance (Life and Medical), Line Item 139. Expense.

Bernard Lynch explained that this is to complete the Town's payment for the Town Employees and retired Town Employees health insurance. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 3 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$3,249.00 from Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of January 27, 1986 to Article 9 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1985 to complete construction of the Dog Pound.

The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 4 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$2,031.00 from Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of January 27, 1986 to Data Processing, Line Item 146.

Bernard Lynch explained that this money is for the service contract of the Assessors' computer system which was purchased last year under the capital planning article. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 5 Gerald Hardy, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission, moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from the sale of graves and lots to the Cemetery Improvement and Development Fund.

The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 6 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all rights, title and interest, if any held by the Town in a

certain parcel of land on Shore Drive shown as Lot 76 on Assessors' Map 45.

Selectman Ready explained that this was 3,662 square feet. The Moderator asked the petitioner to come forward and explain the purpose of wanting the land. Seeing that no one came forward, the Finance Committee recommended not to accept the article. Motion defeated by voice vote.

UNDER ARTICLE 7 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all rights, title and interest, if any held by the Town in a certain parcel of land on Shore Drive shown as Lot 36, on Assessors' Map 45.

The Moderator asked the petitioner to come forward and explain the purpose of wanting the land. Seeing that no one came forward, the Finance Committee recommended not to accept the article. Motion defeated by voice vote.

UNDER ARTICLE 8 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all rights, title and interest, if any held by the Town in a certain parcel of land off Acton Road shown as Lot 36 on Assessor's Map 229.

The Moderator asked the petitioner to come forward and explain the purpose of wanting the land. Seeing that no one came forward, the Finance Committee recommended not to accept the article. Motion defeated by voice vote.

UNDER ARTICLE 9 Carl Olsson, Chairman of the School Committee, moved to dismiss this article. The Finance Committee recommended dismissal. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 10 Selectman Dennis Ready moved to dismiss this article. The Finance Committee recommended dismissal. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 11 James Doukzewicz, Chasirman of the Capital Planning Committee, moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$63,346.18 from the unexpended proceeds of the amount authorized by Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1986, for the following purposes:

\$13,000.00	Sander for the Highway Department
\$32,500.00	Diesel Truck (Cap and Chassis) for the Highway Department
<u>\$17,846.18</u>	Addition funds for Office work to be done at the Police Station pursuant to Article 17, Annual Town Meeting 1987.
\$63,346.18	

James Doukzewicz explained that this is money left over from two years ago Capital Planning expenditures. Capital Planning monies must be used for the exact amount and item listed. For whatever reason the monies didn't get expended and in order for them to be used they must be transferred and listed again. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 12 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer (1) the sum of \$3,527.00 from Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of January 27, 1986 and (2) the sum of \$21,473.00 from Line Item 140. Unemployment Benefits—State, to the Charter Commission Expense Account, pursuant to G.L.C. 43B; Section 8.

Selectman Ready moved to dismiss this article. Dwight Hayward of the Finance Committee, stated their support and explained that at some other point in time the Charter Commission will submit another article requesting funds. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 James McBride, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, moved that the Town vote to reaffirm the vote of Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting of May 11, 1987 and vote to petition the Great and General Court to enact special legislation to form a Special Conservation, Recreation, District between the Town of Chelmsford and the Town of Carlisle for the operation, administration, maintenance of property known as the Lowell Cranberry Bog, in the town of Chelmsford and Carlisle. Said bill, when approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, to be approved in its final form by the voters at an annual or Special Town Meeting in order for it to be implemented.

Judith Hass, Member of the Conservation Commission, explained the article. Even though this was already voted on last year, the bill was not filed in time with the Legislature. Therefore this had to be revoked and resubmitted. The Finance Committee recommended the article.

UNDER ARTICLE 14 Joseph Shanahan, representing the developers of the "Commons," gave a lengthy presentation on the article. There would be 108 units, ten of which would be put aside as affordable housing. If any future development should take place then the developers would require comprehensive permits. These 108 units fall within the requirements based on the present zoning by-laws. Kim MacKenzie read the Planning Board's recommendation: The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on May 4, 1988 and voted in favor (7-0) of the proposal to amend the zoning by-laws and zoning map from (RB) Single Residence to Multiple Residence (RM). Peter Lawlor of the Finance Committee stated that the Finance Committee was in favor of the article. A lengthy discussion took place. A number of voters spoke for and against the article. William Dalton moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, which left the chair in doubt. The tellers came forward and a hand count was taken: Yes 165, No 240, motion defeated. (See the wording on the warrant for description of the article.)

UNDER ARTICLE 15 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to accept the conveyance by the Chelmsford Housing Authority to Town of Chelmsford of a parcel of land and buildings thereon, known as the North Town Hall and being described in a deed from Benjamin Adams and Thomas J. Adams, to the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, recorded in Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 659, Page 495, with said property to be

vested in the authority and control of the Board of Selectmen and I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for consideration to be determined, to convey all right, title and interest, if any, held by the Town in a parcel of land and buildings thereon, known as the North Town Hall, and being described in a deed dated February 1, 1853, from Benjamin Adams and Thomas J. Adams, to the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford, recorded in Middlesex North Registry of Deeds at Book 18, Page 33 and Middlesex South Registry of Deeds at Book 659, Page 495.

Selectman Ready explained that three years ago the Selectman sold this property along with two other properties to the Housing Authority. This particular property because of Historical constraints on the property the Housing Authority cannot develop the property and wish to turn it back to the Town. In the future the Selectmen will meet with the neighborhood and decide what to do with the property, most likely it will follow the steps of the grange hall in S. Chelmsford. Whereas a single family residence will be developed and thus preserving the Historical value of the property. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

The Moderator moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting, seeing that there is no further business at hand and return to the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting. The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion. Motion carried, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

The Moderator reconvened the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting.

UNDER ARTICLE 16 Selectman Ready moved to table this article (budget) because of the hour and continue on with the rest of the articles at hand.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote which left the chair in doubt. He then asked for a show of hands, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 17 Dwight Hayward, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to table this article, due to the same reason given for article 16. The outcome must be known from article 16 before acting on this article. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 25 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to accept the following mentioned street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

#### 1. Higate Road

Providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met and I move that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple, with trees thereon, by purchase, emi-

ment domain, or otherwise, for the purpose of securing traffic safety and road improvements, and I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking; and I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto.

Selectman Ready explained that this is the normal procedure for accepting Town streets after the Town Engineer has approved the plans. The Finance Committee is in favor. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 26 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to accept the following mentioned street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk:

#### 1. Autumn Lane

Providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met and I move that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple, with trees thereon, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the property located therein described herewith, for the purpose of securing traffic safety and road improvements, and I move the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking; and I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto.

The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

Max Jordan moved to reconsider article 22. Due to arriving late to the meeting, he was unable to speak on the article when it was taken up. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee were in favor for reconsideration. Motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 22 Mr. Jordan explained that the land abuts his property and he wanted to extend his children's playing area. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously. Reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all rights, title and interest, if any held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land on Kevin and Brian Road shown as Lots 46, 47, 56 and 57, on Assessors' Map 168.

UNDER ARTICLE 27 Carl Olsson, Chairman of the School Committee, moved that the Town vote to authorize the School Committee to transfer, release or otherwise convey the care, custody, management and control, and all other right, title and interest, if any, in the parcels of lands as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Sewer Easements/Chelmsford Schools" prepared by Howe Engineering, dated March, 1988, said plan being on file with the Town Engineer and incorporated herewith, to the Board of Selectmen, for the use by the Town of Chelmsford, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining gravity sewers, force mains and all other appurtenances thereto.

John Emerson, Chairman of the Sewer Commission explained that the Town owned land is on Richardson Road, under the School Department's jurisdiction. The Board of Selectmen must take over the land. Then the Selectmen will turn it over to the Sewer Commission. Once the Sewer Commission is allowed to build on this land they will be able to complete the sewage layout for all of Richardson Road. This will also include tying for the Parker School sewage, which will protect the drinking water wells. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 28 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all right, title and interest, if any, in the parcels of land as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Sewer Easements/Chelmsford Schools" prepared by Howe Engineering, dated March, 1988, said plan being on file with the Town Engineer and incorporated herewith, to the Chelmsford Sewer Commission and/or Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District, as the case may be, for purposes of constructing sewers, force mains, and maintaining gravity sewers, force mains and all other appurtenances thereto.

John Emerson, Chairman of the Sewer Commission, explained that this involved the same properties as mentioned in article 27. This would allow the Board of Selectmen to convey the land to the Sewer Commission. The Sewer Commission will then build on the properties. The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen were in favor of this article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 21 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all rights, title and interest, if any held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land on Kevin Road, shown as Lot 45 Assessors' Map 168 being the premises described by an instrument, recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 4046, page 331.

UNDER ARTICLE 29 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town of Chelmsford vote to accept provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985 the School Improvement Act, in relation to the Equal Educational Opportunity Grant in the amount of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$17,920.00), for the Nashoba Valley Technical High School, conditioned upon the funding of said programs by any source other than the

Town of Chelmsford, and further conditioned upon, to the extent permitted by law, that said professional grant programs, and any monies paid to any employee of the Nashoba Valley Technical High School, shall not be used or considered a past practice for the purpose of collective bargaining and shall be nonrecurring lump sum payment not built into school employees salary schedules.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommend the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 30 Selectman Dennis Ready moved to dismiss this article. This was in regards to accepting the Cranberry Bog Legislation, which now has to be resubmitted. The Finance Committee support the withdrawal. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 31 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Sewer Commissioners to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple with the buildings and trees thereon by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the property located in the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and further described and shown on a set of plans, entitled "Plan of Sewer Easement in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Center Interceptor Sewer," prepared for the Chelmsford Sewer Commission, March, 1988, scale 1 inch=40 feet, by Howe Surveying, copies of which are on file in the office of the Town Engineer and are incorporated herewith, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining gravity sewers, force mains, pumping stations, and all other appurtenances thereto, to be expanded from the sale of Bonds/with said funds and/or notes authorized from Article 31 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1984 necessary to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as the result of any such taking.

John Emerson, Chairman of the Sewer Commission, explained that this involves land takings in order to complete the sewage construction in the Center area. The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 32 James McBride, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, moved to amend the article. Mr. McBride explained why he wanted trapping prohibited. A lengthy discussion followed. The Finance Committee did not support the article or the amendment. Renee LaRouche spoke against the article. He is a direct abutter to the Deep Brook Pond, in N. Chelmsford, where there is a beaver population in the area causing problems. Dams are being built causing flooding, stopping the flow of water, etc. More discussion followed. Other residents within the area spoke against the article. Joseph Campobasso, moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on Mr. McBride's motion to amend the article. Motion defeated. He then asked for a voice vote on the main motion, motion defeated. (See warrant for text of article.)

UNDER ARTICLE 33 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote pursuant to General Law Chapter 82, Section 21, that public conveyance and necessity require that a portion of Swain Road as hereinafter described shall be discontinued and all public rights in any and all portions of said Streets, and/or Town ways relative to said street shall be henceforth discontinued and abandoned; said street is more particularly described as follows:

That portion of Swain Road as shown on a Plan of relocation of Swain Road on file with the Town Clerk.

And moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer, all right, title and interest, if any, held by the town in the above parcel of the land located on the discontinued portion of said way/road, to the abutters of said property.

Joseph Shanahan, representing the DiRubbo family explained the article. They owned a large tract of land and in 1959 the Town took by eminent domain 7,000 square feet of their land to relocate Swain Road. A portion taken has not been used in the past forty years, and if the Town abandons the land the DiRubbo's will be able to purchase it and use with the remaining piece of 10,000 square feet. They will likely go to the Board of Appeals and try to form a building lot, to build a single family house. Before the taking, the lot was in fact a legal size lot, but due to the zoning by-law changing two years ago the lot would be considered a non-buildable lot. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen supported the article. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen supported the article. A question was asked if this would be used as an access road for future condominium development. The answer was no. Within the bid process, used by the board of Selectmen, could in fact restrict the use of the property. Jeffrey Stallard moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. A  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's vote is needed. A voice vote taken on the main motion, left the chair in doubt, the tellers came forward and a hand count was taken. Yes 168, No 9, Motion carried.

Selectmen Ready moved to adjourn the meeting until Monday evening May 16th, at 7:30 PM at the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium. Motion carried, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

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Dennis McHugh,  
Moderator

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Mary E. St.Hilaire,  
Town Clerk

**ADJOURNED  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
May 16, 1988**

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at the McCarthy Middle School Gymnasium at 7:40 PM, by the Moderator Dennis McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 423 voters present.

The Moderator reviewed the Town Meeting procedure with the voters. He also reminded them where the fire exits were and announced that the Charter Commission would be having a public hearing on Tuesday evening May 17th at 7:00 PM at the Town Office Building, and he urged the voters to attend.

The Moderator then asked to allow Bernard Lynch, Thomas Carroll, and William Mullen, non-residents to speak from time to time concerning items of interest. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 16 William Dalton made a point of order. He asked to make a motion. This is in regards to the individual budgets. After each department head and the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee make their recommendations there should be a limit of twenty minutes for debate. The Finance Committee was against the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion defeated. The vote was questioned. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, which left the Chair in doubt a  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's vote is required. The following tellers came forward and conducted a hand count:

Jocelyn Anthony	Margaret Johnson	Paul Ahern
Elizabeth Marshall	Edward Marshall	Judy Hass
Michael Anthony	Jonathan Stubbs	Jane Drury
William Drury	Carolyn Fenn	

result of the hand count Yes 152, No 139 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ 's 194) motion defeated.

Barry Bell moved to limit debate to three minutes per speaker, per line item. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. Motion defeated.

Dwight Hayward, Chairman of the Finance Committee moved to make the following adjustments to certain line items:

Department/Line Item	Description	Amount
Town Clerk—50	Out of State	\$1.00
Town Clock—52	Expenses	\$1.00
Treasurer/Collector—56	Outlay	\$1.00
Dog Officer—59	Pound Rental	\$1.00
Cemetery—114	Out of State	\$1.00
Veterans Benefits—128	Outlay	\$1.00

and to transfer from overlay surplus reserve \$450,000.00 minus this amount from line #144 Expense \$1,327,360.00 under the Insurance (Life & Medical Budget) for a total figure of \$850,656.00.

and reduce line #89 Salary under the Highway Department an additional \$200.00 from the stabilization fund interest total figure \$7,200.00 for a total budget of \$1,374,138.00

and increase line #41 Salary under the Registrars by \$1,500.00, but reduce #42 Expenses by \$1,500.00 (does not effect total budget figure)

and minus \$20,000.00 from line item 76 Salaries under the Police budget (which will leave a total budget figure of \$2,532,991.00) and increase \$20,000.00 line #72 Salaries which will reflect a total figure of \$179,126.00 under the Inspection Department. For a total budget figure of \$196,878.00.

and reduce line #143, Expense under County Retirement Assessment by \$39,268.00 for a total budget figure of \$1,288,092.00. and increase line item #146 Expense by \$39,268.00 under Unemployment Benefits (State) for a total budget figure of \$239,268.00.

The Moderator asked for discussion on the motion. Questions were asked about the \$1.00 increases. Dwight Hayward explained that by leaving a \$1.00 figure in these line items if transfer needed to be made through the year it could be done. Without the amount the department head would have to wait until the next annual town meeting to appropriate an amount. A question was asked concerning the \$450,000.00. This money was a revenue source which had already been raised in previous years in anticipation of abatements for the Assessors'. This money could only be used to REDUCE a budget not be ADDED for expenditures. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion carried.

Selectman Bradford Emerson moved that the entire Personnel Department budget figure of \$10,958.00 be transferred to the Selectmen's Salary line item #44. Due to the fact that the Human Resource Director position did not pass, as of July 1st the Treasurer was going to transfer the work load of health insurance, and other insurance benefits to the Selectmen. This money would be used to hire an additional clerk. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried.

The Moderator read the Accounting Department's budget and asked for discussion, hearing none he went on to the Assessors Department. Under the Assessors Department James Sousa moved to amend the Salary figure to read \$164,392.00, and a total budget figure of \$260,162.00. He felt the department head knew what he/she needed to maintain the present services. And didn't think it fair that the Finance Committee went ahead and made their recommendations in some cases without any input from the department head. The department head should come forth and explain why they requested the monies shown and let the voters decide if a cut should be made. He planned to amend each individual budget throughout the meeting to reflect what the department originally requested. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee did not recommend the motion to amend. Diane Phillips, Assessor, stated that the Assessors had decided to work with the figures recommended by the Finance Committee. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion defeated. He asked for further discussion, hearing none he read from Board of Appeals through Planning Board, asking for any need for discussion after reading the line items and the total budget figure.

Under Public Buildings, James Sousa moved to amend the line item #37 Salary to read \$89,401.00 for a total figure of \$161,251.00. Rogert Deletetsky, Building Superintendent was in favor of the motion. He explained that under the Finance Committee's recommendation he would be losing a part-time personnel. He explained what his department's duties and responsibilities were. The Finance Committee was against the motion to amend. A discussion took place. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion defeated. He asked for further discussion, hearing none he read from the Registrars Department through Treasurer/Collector, asking for any need for discussion after reading the line items and the total budget figure.

Under Dog Office Department, James Sousa moved to amend the line item #57 Salary to read \$30,025.00 for a total figure of \$39,825.00. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were against the motion. The Selectmen explained that the cuts that were being made were difficult choices. Due to the Annual Town Election vote not to override Prop. 2½, the cuts had to be made, regardless of the circumstances. Discussion took place. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion defeated. He asked for further discussion, hearing none he read the Emergency Management Agency Budget asking for any need for discussion after reading the line items and the total budget figure.

Under the Fire Department Robert Hughes, Fire Chief, moved to amend the budget's total figure to read \$2,635,777.00, by adding \$180,000.00 to line item #63 Salary. This is the amount needed in order to keep six men who are slated to be cut as of July 1st. Chief Hughes explained that the need is there and these men shouldn't be cut. It would not be for the best interest of the Town. Public safety should be a priority and not cut back. Henry Sullivan spoke in favor of the motion to amend. He stated that as a retired state trooper he saw many examples of firemen's duties other than fires. They are always at accidents with the jaws of life trying to rescue people from vehicles, before or during a fire. Any type of emergency calls pertaining to health a fireman could be present with oxygen, or performing CPR before an ambulance arrives. Anytime a human life is involved a price shouldn't be put on the value. William Dalton of the local Fireman Union spoke in favor. He explained that the department is already below the required recommended amount of personnel to have on hand to maintain equipment/shifts. The budget is already down to the minimum before any of these cuts are performed. He asked for support of the amendment. The Finance Committee spoke against the motion to amend. If this motion passes the Town would be faced with an unbalanced budget. Selectman Henrick Johnson spoke against the motion, unfortunately the Selectmen had no choice but to recommend the cut. A lengthy discussion took place. Michael Anthony moved to amend the amendment. After viewing the motion the Moderator declared the motion out of order. More discussion took place. Barry Balan moved the question. Voice vote taken, motion carried unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend the Fire Department budget by increasing it \$180,000.00. This vote left the chair in doubt, the Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried. He asked for further discussion, hearing none he read the

amended budget figures. He read from the Hydrant Service through the Tree Warden Department and asking for any need for discussion after reading the line items and the total budget figure.

Under the Highway Department, James Sousa moved to amend line item #89 Salary to read \$652,745.00 for a total budget figure of \$1,409,538.00. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee were against this motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion defeated.

Gerrit Vander-Heide, moved to adjourn the meeting at this time. Both the Finance Committee and the Selectmen were against the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion defeated.

The Moderator continued to the budgets from Street Lighting down to Lowell Mental Health. He asked for any need for discussion after reading the line items and the total budget figure.

Under the Health Department, James Sousa moved to amend line item #100 Salary to read \$125,116.00 for a total budget of \$167,343.00. The Finance Committee did not recommend the motion. The Selectmen were also against the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion defeated. He asked for further discussion, hearing none he read the Sewer Commission's budget asking for any need for discussion after reading the line items and the total budget figure.

Under the Waste Collection Budget a discussion took place. Lawrence Segal moved to amend the budget line #110 to read \$0.00. The Finance Committee was against this motion. The Board of Selectmen were against the motion. Selectman Ready explained that the Town was under a contract with a collection company. As of July 1st, this was the third year of a three year contract and the Town would have to pay the amount shown. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion, motion defeated. More discussion took place. John Wilder moved to reduce the line item #110 figure of \$1,182,334.00 by \$180,000.00 for a total figure of \$1,002,334.00. Which would be the monies needed for the Fire Department's budget thus there would be a balanced budget. He explained that perhaps the company would allow the Town to cut back on their collection time. Instead of once a week collection we could have collection every two weeks. The Selectmen were against this. The Blue Ribbon Committee was looking into possible ways of recycling materials, etc. in order to decrease the cost of waste collection for the next contract. But at this time this is the amount needed and the conditions of the contract could not be changed. Edward Marshall moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, motion defeated. He asked if there was any need for further discussion, hearing none we went on to the next budget.

Under the Education budget, the Moderator read the School Departments total town funds line item of \$20,491,884.00 minus the total receipts of \$3,388,413.00 for a Net Cost of \$17,103,471.00 he asked for any discussion hearing none he then read the Nashoba Valley Technical High School Budget of \$677,490.00. he asked



for any need for discussion. Arthur Glatt asked to return to the Education Budget. Arthur Glatt moved to change the Net Cost from \$17,103,471.00 to \$18,091,871.00. The Finance Committee Chairman Dwight Hayward, explained that the number of \$20,491,884.00 is the figure that the Finance Committee recommends. The School Committee requested \$21,480,284.00. The Finance Committee does not recommend the high figure. If voted this would make the budget out of balance. Selectman Ready explained that the Board of Selectmen would not vote at this time, to have another election to vote an override.

A discussion took place. A number of voters spoke in favor of increasing the budget. Voters felt if the Fire Department's budget was increased then the School Department's should be increased also. A cut would hurt property investments plus the future of the children in town. Carl Olsson, Chairman of the School Committee, explained that up to this meeting, the School Committee had \$76,117.00 left to cut from their budget in order to meet the Finance Committee's figure. He presented a list of areas along with the amounts to be cut. There would be twenty-three personnel layed off. One administrator, class room size would be increased. Beginning this fall the freshman class of 1992 would be cut back on their required courses needed to graduate. Other areas were shown that would be effected. James DeProfio spoke in favor of increasing the budget. The need is there to go beyond the basic requirements, which will be the results after the cuts are made. The working world is far more competitive now. The average student needs to have the extra activities that are sited to be cut. Arthur Glatt stated that once the budget is cut the Town will never be able to return to the same quality education. He felt that the voters would in fact vote for an override. They have seen the cuts and would be willing to provide the extra money needed for funding. Selectman Ready explained that as of yet the people in town have not seen or felt the cuts. That is why the Board feels that next year if needed the Selectmen will support an override and ask for one. People do not believe that the town does not have any money. If this budget passes with the increase figure then nothing "has changed" as far as those who voted for the override are concerned. The "hidden money" would be found. The Town Meeting Body should go by the wishes of those who voted in the election—over 6,000 voters voted in favor and the majority vote should be recognized, not the action of a town meeting vote.

Barry Balan moved to amend the figure to add \$76,000.00 to the Finance Committee requested figure for a total of \$20,567,884.00. A discussion took place. Samuel Poulton, a member of the School Committee but speaking as a voter in the town, expressed concern over the cuts that were being proposed by the Committee. He felt that the voters at town meeting had as much right to vote what they felt was right, regardless of how the voters voted at the Annual Town Election. He felt that \$900,000.00 is not needed, however, the \$800,000.00 being cut is in addition to cuts already made. An adequate amount should be the amount requested. But due to the fact that the School Committee agreed with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to cut \$800,000.00 if the override question failed then they are obligated to work with the budget cut. Selectman Johnson explained that because of state law,

the Town must have a balanced budget in order to set a tax rate so revenues can come in. Joseph Campobasso moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. A voice vote was taken on the motion to amend the amendment the figure by increasing the Finance Committee's figure \$76,000.00. Motion defeated. Harry Foster questioned the vote. The Moderator asked for another voice vote, motion defeated. Discussion followed concerning the motion to amend the figure to read \$21,480,284.00. Malcolm Roberts moved to amend this figure to read \$21,000,000.00. He felt that this figure would be one that the School Committee would be able to work with. He believed in quality education, and did not want to see any cuts in the budget. Discussion took place. The Finance Committee was against the motion, if voted it would increase the budget \$580,000.00 which the Town does not have. The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee were against the motion to amend. Edward Marshall moved the question which would stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend the budget figure to read \$21,000,000. Motion defeated. The Chair was questioned on the voice vote. The tellers came forward and conducted a hand count. Yes 179, No 109, motion carried.

Selectman Ready moved to adjourn the meeting until Monday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM at the McCarthy Middle School. The Finance Committee was against the motion. After a discussion Selectman Ready withdrew the motion.

Selectman Ready then moved to reconsider the School Department's budget of \$21,000,000.00. The Finance Committee was in favor of reconsideration. A discussion took place Arthur Glatt moved the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to reconsider the School Department's budget. Motion defeated.

Barry Bell moved to accept line items 111-149 inclusively in total as a single package as amended by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee was against the motion. They felt that the departments should be heard individually. Both the Moderator and Town Counsel ruled the motion out of order. Barry Bell withdrew his motion.

William Dalton moved to take Unemployment Benefits (State) and line item 146 out of order. The Finance Committee was in favor, the Board of Selectmen did not recommend one way or the other. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried. William Dalton explained that without six firemen being laid off that the employment benefits could be reduced at this time by \$180,000.00. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were against the motion. The Finance Committee explained that the money shown may still be needed by the time the budget is fully balanced and did not want to reduce it in any way. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion defeated. The Chair was questioned on the vote. A show of hands was asked, the Chair was still left in doubt, the tellers came forward and conducted a hand count: Yes 106, No 146, motion defeated.

The Moderator read the Cemetery Department's line items and total budget figure. He asked for any discussion

hearing none he went on to the Council on Aging. James Sousa moved to amend line item #116 Salary to read \$92,833.00 for a total budget of \$116,491.00. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were against the motion. A voice vote was taken, motion defeated. The Moderator asked if there was any need for further discussion on this budget? Hearing none he went on and read from the Cultural Council through the Debt Service, asking if there was any need for discussion after reading the line items and the total budget figure for each department.

The Moderator read the motion under Article 16 reflecting the figure needed. Town Treasurer James Doukaszewicz, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum

of \$38,877,462.00 to defray Town charges for the fiscal period from July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989.

The Finance Committee does not recommend the figure. The town will have an unbalanced budget if this figure is voted. This will not be in the best interest of the Town. The Treasurer will not be able to borrow monies. A Special Town Meeting will have to be called and the budget will have to be brought back up to be level funded. The Moderator asked for a voice vote. Motion defeated. The Chair was questioned on the vote, the tellers came forward and conducted a hand count Yes 178, No 71, Motion carried. The Budget reads as follows:

	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT: 5% OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>			
<b>ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT</b>			
1. Salary .....	\$ 105,626	\$ 112,430	\$ 112,430
2. Expense .....	9,459	3,000	3,000
3. Outlay .....	1	1	1
Total Accounting Department .....	\$ 115,086	\$ 115,431	\$ 115,431
<b>ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT</b>			
4. Salary .....	\$ 141,512	\$ 164,392	\$ 160,861
5. Expense .....	59,065	56,970	56,970
6. Outlay .....	1,100	800	800
7. Legal Services .....	1,012	5,000	5,000
8. Revaluation Update .....	47,500	33,000	33,000
Total Assessors Department .....	\$ 250,189	\$ 260,162	\$ 256,631
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>			
9. Expense .....	\$ 6,161	\$ 6,317	\$ 6,317
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$6,475</i>			
<b>CABLE TV COMMISSION</b>			
10. Expense .....	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>			
11. Salary .....	\$ 6,242	\$ 6,398	\$ 6,398
12. Expense .....	7,400	7,615	7,615
Total Conservation Commission .....	\$ 13,642	\$ 14,013	\$ 14,013
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$2,450</i>			
<b>CONSTABLE</b>			
13. Salary .....	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
<b>DATA PROCESSING</b>			
14. Expense .....	\$ 7,404	\$ 18,670	\$ 18,670
<b>ELECTIONS</b>			
15. Wages & Expenses .....	\$ 18,788	\$ 24,459	\$ 24,459
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>			
16. Expense .....	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,150

	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>			
17. Expense .....	\$ 1,051	\$ 1,561	\$ 1,560
<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>			
18. Expense .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
<b>INSURANCE (LIABILITY)</b>			
19. Expense .....	\$ 680,421	\$ 722,009	\$ 722,009
<b>LAW</b>			
20. Salary .....	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
21. Legal Services .....	55,000	55,000	55,000
22. Special Counsel .....	15,000	15,000	15,000
23. Expense .....	750	750	750
Total Law Department .....	\$ 71,250	\$ 71,250	\$ 71,250
<b>MEDICAL BILLS RETIRED POLICE &amp; FIRE</b>			
24. Expense .....	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500
<b>MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD</b>			
25. Expense .....	\$ 500	\$ 525	\$ 1
<b>MODERATOR</b>			
26. Salary .....	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
27. Expense .....	75	75	75
Total Moderator .....	\$ 375	\$ 375	\$ 375
<b>NMAC</b>			
28. Expense .....	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,068	\$ 9,068
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>			
29. Expense .....	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 650
<b>PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT</b>			
30. Salary (Net of \$23,400 Grant) .....	\$ 9,104	\$ 18,707	\$ 10,207
31. Expense .....	5,300	2,250	750
32. Outlay .....	0	1	1
Total Personnel Department .....	\$ 14,404	\$ 20,958	\$ 10,958
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>			
33. Salary .....	\$ 18,502	\$ 20,113	\$ 20,113
34. Expense .....	4,160	4,326	4,326
35. Outlay .....	1	1	1
Total Planning Board .....	\$ 22,663	\$ 24,440	\$ 24,440
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$10,150</i>			
<b>PUBLIC BUILDINGS</b>			
36. Supt. of Buildings .....	\$ 20,412	\$ 0	\$ 0
37. Salary .....	62,358	89,401	80,401
38. Expense .....	64,304	67,850	66,850
39. Supervision Fee .....	2,000	0	0
40. Outlay .....	3,000	4,000	4,000
Total Public Buildings .....	\$ 152,074	\$ 161,251	\$ 151,251
*Line items 36 & 37 are now combined	<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$30,242</i>		
<b>REGISTRARS DEPARTMENT</b>			
41. Salary .....	\$ 24,418	\$ 26,257	\$ 26,257
42. Expense (Net of \$3400 Grant) .....	9,240	11,820	10,320
43. Outlay .....	1	1	1
Total Registrars Department .....	\$ 33,659	\$ 38,078	\$ 36,578

	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
<b>SELECTMEN DEPARTMENT</b>			
44. Salary .....	\$ 94,739	\$ 100,531	\$ 108,489
45. Expense .....	23,550	18,200	18,200
46. Outlay .....	1	1	1
47. Out of State .....	1,200	1,500	1,500
Total Selectmen Department .....	\$ 119,490	\$ 120,232	\$ 128,190
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$41,336</i>			
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>			
48. Salary .....	\$ 108,609	\$ 110,357	\$ 109,507
49. Expense .....	7,375	6,700	6,700
50. Out of State .....	800	1,150	1
51. Outlay .....	425	1	1
Total Town Clerk Department .....	\$ 117,209	\$ 118,208	\$ 116,209
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$28,089</i>			
<b>TOWN CLOCK</b>			
52. Expense .....	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 1.00
<b>TOWN &amp; FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>			
53. Expense .....	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
<b>TREASURER/COLLECTOR</b>			
54. Salary .....	\$ 167,123	\$ 179,021	\$ 179,021
55. Expense .....	29,300	34,625	34,624
56. Outlay .....	500	3,400	1
Total Treasurer/Collector .....	\$ 196,923	\$ 217,046	\$ 213,646
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$249,583</i>			
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY: 13.7% OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>			
<b>DOG OFFICER DEPARTMENT</b>			
57. Salary .....	\$ 28,243	\$ 30,025	\$ 22,025
58. Expense .....	3,000	8,000	8,000
59. Pound Rental .....	6,000	0	1
60. Care of Live Animals .....	1,800	1,800	1,800
Total Dog Officer Department .....	\$ 39,043	\$ 39,825	\$ 31,826
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$16,691</i>			
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY</b>			
61. Expense .....	\$ 2,190	\$ 4,190	\$ 2,190
62. Outlay .....	1,101	1,101	1,101
Total Emergency Management Agency .....	\$ 3,291	\$ 5,291	\$ 3,291
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>			
63. Salary .....	\$ 2,410,500	\$ 2,459,282	\$ 2,459,282
64. Expense .....	129,409	157,010	157,010
65. Out of State .....	1,000	1,000	1,000
66. Outlay .....	13,360	18,485	18,485
Total Fire Department .....	\$ 2,554,269	\$ 2,635,777	\$ 2,635,777
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$2,457</i>			
<b>HYDRANT SERVICE</b>			
67. Center .....	\$ 54,700	\$ 54,900	\$ 0
68. North .....	19,300	19,300	0
69. East .....	7,000	7,000	0
Total Hydrant Service .....	\$ 81,000	\$ 81,200	\$ 0

	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
<b>INSECT/PEST CONTROL</b>			
70. Salary .....	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250
71. Expense .....	10,800	10,800	5,800
Total Insect/Pest Control .....	\$ 12,050	\$ 12,050	\$ 7,050
<b>INSPECTION DEPARTMENT</b>			
72. Salary .....	\$ 172,702	\$ 179,126	\$ 179,126
73. Expense .....	16,226	17,251	17,251
74. Out of State .....	500	500	500
75. Outlay .....	1	1	1
Total Inspection Department .....	\$ 189,429	\$ 196,878	\$ 196,878
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$230,176</i>			
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			
76. Salary .....	\$ 2,261,635	\$ 2,335,449	\$ 2,315,449
77. Expense .....	224,812	212,309	212,309
78. Out of State .....	1,050	1,500	1,500
79. Outlay .....	1	1	1
80. Expense—Auxiliary .....	3,070	2,631	2,631
81. Outlay—Auxiliary .....	400	100	100
82. Police Mutual Aid .....	2,000	0	1
Total Police Department .....	\$ 2,492,968	\$ 2,551,990	\$ 2,531,991
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$231,236</i>			
<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES</b>			
83. Salary .....	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
84. Expense .....	300	300	300
Total Sealer of Weights & Measures .....	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$1,181</i>			
<b>TRAFFIC &amp; SAFETY COMMITTEE</b>			
85. Expense .....	\$ 90,000	\$ 94,300	\$ 49,300
<b>TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT</b>			
86. Salary .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
87. Expense .....	13,875	13,875	13,875
88. Outlay .....	1	1	1
Total Tree Warden Department .....	\$ 14,876	\$ 14,876	\$ 14,876
<b>HIGHWAYS: 4.17% OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>			
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>			
89. Salary .....	\$ 637,489	\$ 662,745	\$ 652,745
90. Expense .....	464,994	483,593	458,593
91. Snow & Ice .....	270,000	270,000	270,000
Total Highway Department .....	\$ 1,372,483	\$ 1,416,338	\$ 1,381,338
Appropriation from Revenue Sharing .....	0	7,000	7,200
Net Cost Highway Department .....	\$ 1,372,483	\$ 1,409,338	\$ 1,374,138
<i>1987 Annual Receipts: \$1,130</i>			
<b>STEET LIGHTING</b>			
92. Expense .....	\$ 168,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 140,000

	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
<b>TOWN ENGINEER</b>			
93. Salary .....	\$ 78,287	\$ 84,492	\$ 84,492
94. Expense .....	9,385	18,885	10,885
95. Outlay .....	2,000	1,000	1,000
96. Out of State .....	1	1	1
Total Town Engineer .....	\$ 89,673	\$ 104,378	\$ 96,378

**HEALTH & SANITATION: 4.06% OF TOTAL BUDGET****ANIMAL INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT**

97. Salary .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
98. Expense .....	400	400	400
Total Animal Inspector's Department .....	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400

**LOWELL MENTAL HEALTH**

99. Expense .....	\$ 9,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

100. Salary .....	\$ 118,525	\$ 125,116	\$ 123,256
101. Expense .....	32,225	32,225	32,225
102. Outlay .....	1	1	1
103. Out of State .....	1	1	1
104. Mosquito Control .....	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Health Department .....	\$ 160,752	\$ 167,343	\$ 165,483

*1987 Annual Receipts: \$28,138***SEWER COMMISSION**

105. Salary .....	\$ 60,731	\$ 112,408	\$ 91,999
106. Expense .....	20,500	48,000	45,000
107. Professional Fees .....	55,000	65,000	65,000
108. Outlay .....	1	1	1
109. Out of State .....	5,000	6,000	5,000
Total Sewer Commission .....	\$ 141,232	\$ 231,409	\$ 207,000

**WASTE COLLECTION**

110. Expense .....	\$ 1,182,334	\$ 1,182,334	\$ 1,182,334
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**EDUCATION: 54.8% OF TOTAL BUDGET****CHELMSFORD SCHOOL BUDGET**

School Committee .....	\$ 33,860	\$ 61,415
Superintendent's Office .....	400,000	352,533
Supervision .....	103,420	125,706
Principals .....	896,163	931,844
Teaching .....	11,204,980	12,024,058
Textbooks .....	119,137	106,375
Library .....	280,420	299,878
Audio-Visual .....	149,858	155,001
Guidance .....	622,508	646,912
Educational TV .....	62,645	62,905
School Attendance .....	36,750	39,635
Health Services .....	153,493	170,525
Transportation .....	869,216	961,174
Food Services .....	29,000	30,329
Athletics .....	217,585	240,000
Other Student Activities .....	66,962	75,000
Custodial .....	1,122,351	1,255,360

	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
Utilities .....	813,450	813,450	
Maintenance of Grounds .....	40,000	40,000	
Maintenance of Buildings .....	102,206	102,206	
Maintenance of Equipment .....	224,024	243,430	
Programs with Other Schools .....	10,000	10,000	
Add Back .....	11,900	0	
Sub-Total .....	17,569,928	18,747,736	
Chapter 766 .....	2,428,576	2,742,548	
Total .....	19,998,504	21,490,284	
Minus Tuitions .....	70,000		21,010,000
Minus PL 874 .....	20,000	10,000	10,000
Total Town Funds .....	\$ 19,908,504	\$ 21,480,284	\$ 21,000,000

**NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

111. Total Town Assessment .....

\$ 637,520	\$ 677,490	\$ 677,490
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**COMMUNITY SERVICE: 2.87% OF TOTAL BUDGET****CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

112. Salary .....	\$ 140,401	\$ 155,564	\$ 155,564
113. Expense .....	24,588	28,702	28,702
114. Out of State .....	500	500	1
115. Outlay .....	3,094	4,800	2,800
Total Cemetery Department .....	\$ 168,583	\$ 189,566	\$ 187,067

*1987 Annual Receipts: \$14,938***COUNCIL ON AGING**

116. Salary .....	\$ 84,556	\$ 92,831	\$ 83,831
117. Expense .....	22,750	23,660	20,660
Total Council on Aging .....	\$ 107,306	\$ 116,491	\$ 104,491

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

118. Expense .....

\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
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**ELDER SERVICES OF MERRIMACK VALLEY**

119. Expense .....

\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
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**COMMISSION ON HANDICAPPED AFFAIRS**

120. Expense .....

\$ 100	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
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**LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

121. Salary .....	\$ 450,675	\$ 497,151	\$ 486,176
122. Expense .....	79,262	89,220	89,220
123. Books & Periodicals .....	112,550	132,250	120,750
124. Outlay .....	1	4,000	1
125. Out of State .....	1	1,000	500
Total Library Department .....	\$ 642,489	\$ 723,621	\$ 696,647

*1987 Annual Receipts: \$16,853***VETERANS BENEFITS DEPARTMENT**

126. Salary .....	\$ 51,088	\$ 58,237	\$ 58,237
127. Expense .....	4,300	4,470	4,470
128. Outlay .....	100	0	1
129. Cash & Material Grant .....	53,000	55,120	55,120
Total Veterans Benefits Department .....	\$ 108,488	\$ 117,827	\$ 117,828

*Grant Reimbursement @ 75%*

	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION: .31% OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>			
<b>EDWARDS MEMORIAL BEACH</b>			
130. Expense .....	\$ 700	\$ 1,000	\$ 700
<b>PARK DEPARTMENT</b>			
131. Salary .....	\$ 40,919	\$ 41,902	\$ 41,902
132. Expense .....	6,700	6,700	6,700
133. Outlay .....	1	1	1
Total Park Department .....	\$ 47,620	\$ 48,603	\$ 48,603
<b>RECREATION COMMISSION</b>			
134. Salary .....	\$ 41,533	\$ 44,843	\$ 44,843
135. Expense .....	25,842	26,833	16,833
136. Outlay .....	1	1	1
Total Recreation Commission .....	\$ 67,376	\$ 71,677	\$ 61,677
<b>VARNEY PLAYGROUND</b>			
137. Salary .....	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,308	\$ 3,308
138. Expense .....	1,999	2,099	2,099
139. Outlay .....	1	6,300	3,300
Total Varney Playground .....	\$ 5,150	\$ 11,707	\$ 8,707
<b>PUBLIC CELEBRATION: .01% OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>			
<b>HOLIDAY DECORATION COMMITTEE</b>			
140. Expense .....	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750
<b>MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE</b>			
141. Expense .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
<b>TOWN CELEBRATION COMMITTEE</b>			
142. Expense .....	\$ 2,900	\$ 10,545	\$ 1,500
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: 7.42% OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>			
<b>COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT</b>			
143. Expense .....	\$ 1,182,317	\$ 1,327,360	\$ 1,288,092
<b>INSURANCE (LIFE &amp; MEDICAL)</b>			
144. Expense .....	\$ 1,040,525	\$ 1,300,656	\$ 1,300,656
		Transfer from overlay surplus reserve	- 450,000
			\$ 850,656
<b>MEDICARE TAX (FICA)</b>			
145. Expense .....	\$ 27,500	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (STATE)</b>			
146. Expense .....	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 239,268
<b>VETERANS PENSION CLAIMS</b>			
147. Expense .....	\$ 6,375	\$ 6,630	\$ 6,630



	FY88 Appropriated (Includes Special Town Meetings and Reserve Fund Transfers)	FY89 Department Requests (Assumes Full Funding)	FY89 Finance Committee Recommendation (For Balanced Budget)
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**DEBT SERVICE: 7.68% OF TOTAL BUDGET****DEBT & INTEREST****PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS:**

Westland and Harrington Schools . . .	\$ 70,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
Byam School . . . . .	100,000	100,000	100,000
School Bldg. Capital Improv #5 . . . .	0	0	0
School Bldg. Capital Improv #6 . . . .	540,150	0	0
School Computer Purchase . . . . .	0	0	0
Sewer Plans & Design . . . . .	252,000	250,000	250,000
Capital Improv Art. 13-1986 . . . . .	0	575,000	575,000
Sewer Construction Phase 1*** . . . . .	0	500,000	500,000
Conservation Land Purchase . . . . .	0	175,000	175,000
148. Total Principal Payments . . . . .	\$ 962,150	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000

**INTEREST PAYMENTS:**

Anticipation and other Temporary Loans . . . . .	\$ 240,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000
Bond Anticipation Notes*** . . . . .	0	550,000	550,000
Westland and Harrington Schools . . .	3,010	0	0
Byam School . . . . .	15,000	9,000	9,000
School Bldg. Capital Improv #5 . . . .	0	0	0
School Bldg. Capital Improv #6 . . . .	24,307	0	0
School Computer Purchase . . . . .	0	0	0
Sewer Plans & Design . . . . .	32,447	21,340	21,340
Capital Improv Art. 13-1986 . . . . .	79,940	100,375	100,375
Capital Improv Art. 17-1987 . . . . .	0	58,190	58,190
Sewer Construction Phase 1*** . . . . .	0	342,000	342,000
Conservation Land Purchase . . . . .	30,205	58,480	58,480
149. Total Interest Payments . . . . .	\$ 424,909	\$ 1,369,385	\$ 1,369,385

\*\*\*Exempt Principal and Interest \$1,392,000

UNDER ARTICLE 17 Dwight Hayward, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6.

The Selectmen supported the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 34 Dwight Hayward, Chairman of the Finance Committee moved that the Town vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to issue a sum of \$204,613.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the reduction of the Tax Rate.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

Michael McTeague moved to adjourn the meeting seeing that there was no further business at hand. Motion carried, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:35 AM.

Dennis McHugh,  
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire,  
Town Clerk

## REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY September 15, 1988

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
<b>U.S. SENATOR</b>										
Joseph D. Malone	42	35	32	46	34	64	42	36	39	370
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	13	5	9	6	6	5	15	8	5	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>REP IN CONGRESS 5th Congressional District</b>										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	55	40	41	52	40	69	57	44	44	442
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR 3rd District</b>										
Judy Dow	32	34	26	43	32	58	36	26	33	320
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	23	6	15	9	8	11	21	18	11	122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>SENATOR IN General Court 5th Middlesex</b>										
Edward Rudnitsky	38	33	27	41	33	56	37	29	29	323
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	17	7	14	11	7	13	20	15	15	119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>STATE REP General Court 16th Middlesex</b>										
Carol C. Clevon	47	35	39	50	40	69	54	38	41	413
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	7	5	2	2	0	0	3	6	3	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>CLERK OF COURTS Middlesex</b>										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	55	40	41	52	40	69	57	44	44	442
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS Middlesex Northern</b>										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	55	40	41	52	40	69	57	44	44	442
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER (2) Middlesex</b>										
All Othes	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	110	79	82	104	80	138	114	88	88	883
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>884</b>
<b>COUNTY TREASURER Middlesex</b>										
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	55	40	41	52	40	69	57	44	44	442
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>442</b>

## DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

### September 15, 1988

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total	
<b>U.S. SENATOR</b>											
Edward M. Kennedy	69	34	40	75	38	83	48	58	39	484	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	12	15	24	29	14	13	17	20	11	155	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	
<b>REP IN CONGRESS 5th Congressional District</b>											
Chester G. Atkins	65	32	45	75	37	75	45	55	41	470	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	16	17	19	29	15	21	20	23	9	169	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR 3rd District</b>											
Herbert L. Connolly	11	10	15*14	15	13	25	11	18	12	129	130*
Robert B. Kennedy	60	35	45*45	77	35	62	42	47	30	433	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	10	4	4* 5	12	4	9	12	13	8	77	76*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	
*results of a recount ordered by State held on Sept. 28, 1988											
<b>SENATOR IN General Ct. 5th Middlesex</b>											
Carol C. Amick	63	37	45	85	38	73	48	62	39	490	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	18	12	19	19	14	23	17	16	11	149	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	
<b>STATE REP General Court 16th Middlesex</b>											
Henry E. Sullivan	65	32	47	79	30	76	43	60	31	463	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	16	17	17	25	22	20	21	18	19	175	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	
<b>CLERK OF COURTS Middlesex</b>											
Edward J. Sullivan	63	35	47	80	34	79	45	55	34	472	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	18	14	17	24	18	17	20	23	16	167	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS Middlesex Northern</b>											
Edward J. Early Jr.	60	36	48	82	35	73	40	56	34	464	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	21	13	16	22	17	23	25	22	16	175	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER (2) Middlesex</b>											
Thomas J. Larkin	30	17	24	32	20	35	23	21	25	227	
Matthew Donahue	49	27	44	63	31	56	44	52	25	391	
Edward J. Kennedy Jr.	38	20	23	55	20	47	28	29	19	279	
Joseph R. Macaluso	3	9	11	13	7	8	5	13	7	76	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	42	25	26	45	26	46	30	41	24	305	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1278</b>	
<b>COUNTY TREASURER Middlesex</b>											
James E. Fahey Jr.	59	33	47	75	34	73	41	50	34	446	
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	22	16	17	29	18	23	24	28	16	193	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>639</b>	

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING September 19, 1988

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:55 PM at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium, by the Moderator Dennis McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 379 voters present.

The Moderator explained the Town Meeting procedures and also pointed out the location of the fire exit doors within the auditorium.

Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and the posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously. Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted unanimously.

Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved to allow the Executive Secretary, Bernard Lynch, who is a non-resident to speak from time to time. Motion carried, unanimously.

**UNDER ARTICLE 1** Selectman Dennis J. Ready, moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from Article 14 of the Special Town Meeting of September 25, 1986 the sum of \$15,000.00 to the Charter Commission expense account, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 43B Section 8.

James Geary, Chairman of the Charter Commission, explained that the Charter Commission has been meeting regularly listening to speakers from various cities and towns concerning charters and their effects. The Commission will be preparing a final report in January, and a consultant is needed to prepare it. State law requires that the Board of Selectmen send a copy to every household where at least one registered voter resides. The mailing alone is estimated to be at least \$5,000.00. He asked for the Town Meeting body's support.

Before the Moderator could continue on, a group of people entered the auditorium carrying signs and standing in the aisles along the walls. He asked that either the signs be turned around or left outside the auditorium. He did not want the assembly to be intimidated by the signs. William Dalton stated that this was the right of their first amendment, and it would be violated if not permitted to stand with their signs. The Moderator asked Town Counsel for an opinion. James Harrington, Town Counsel explained that the Moderator oversees the Town Meeting and he is within his rights of the Town Meeting rules of order by asking this request. The group agreed with the decision and left the auditorium and the meeting continued.

The Finance Committee supported the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

**UNDER ARTICLE 2** Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,500.00 in the Fiscal 1989 Budget under **Council on Aging from Line Item 117 Expense to Line Item 116 Salary** to maintain existing staff.

Executive Secretary Bernard Lynch explained that due to the financial cuts of the Annual Town Meeting budget for FY89 this department cut back on its personnel. Now that there is some monies available and the need is there for additional staffing, the Selectmen asked for support of the article. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

**UNDER ARTICLE 3** Selectmen Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from Article 14 of the Special Town Meeting of September 25, 1987 the sum of \$3,990.00 to the Fiscal 1989 Budget **Treasurer/Collector Line Item 56 Outlay** for the purpose of purchasing a check printer.

James Doukszewicz, Treasurer/Tax Collector, explained that he had originally requested this item in his FY89 Budget, but due to the cuts in the expenses he had to drop this item. This item is a necessity and will be a time saving factor. Presently the checks are typed by hand on carbon type checks, if a mistake is made, the check and copies must be changed by hand. The check printer will avoid any corrections that must be made by hand. The Finance Committee supported the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

**UNDER ARTICLE 4** Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to reduce the Fiscal 1989 Budget for the Chelmsford School Department by the sum of \$232,438.00 for the purpose of balancing the budget.

Selectman Ready explained that this article and the next two were the amounts needed to balance the budget for FY89. A question was raised concerning the School Committee's view of this article. Carl Olsson, Chairman of the School Committee explained that he as an individual supported this article. The Committee as a whole hadn't seen this figure until tonight. James Doukszewicz, Town Treasurer and the Finance Committee supported the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

**UNDER ARTICLE 5** Selectmen Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to reduce the Fiscal 1989 Budget under **Unemployment Benefits (State) Line Item 146 Expense** by the sum of \$39,268 for the purpose of balancing the budget.

Selectman Ready explained that because the Town isn't laying off personnel at this time, then the above figure reflects a savings for the Town. The Finance Committee recommends the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

**UNDER ARTICLE 6** Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to reduce the Fiscal 1989 Budget under **Insurance Liability Line Item 19 Expenses** by the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of balancing the budget.

The Finance Committee is in favor of the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

**UNDER ARTICLE 7** Mark Gauthier, Vice Chairman of the Library Trustee's, gave a presentation on the article. He explained that the figure of \$961,900.00 is 25% of the estimated construction cost. The other 75% needed for its

completion would be applied for through a state grant. The Town's portion would be broken down as follows \$375,000.00 would be the amount needed to buy the land. \$586,900.00 is the monies needed to show the town's good faith in applying for the state grant to bring the total Town's investment of 25%. The deadline for applying for the grant is January 4, 1989. The Finance Committee spoke in favor of the article. David McLachlan, Chairman of the Library Building Committee, spoke in favor of the article. A discussion followed with voters speaking for and against the article. Edward Marshall moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator made numerous attempts to receive an unanimous vote, which failed. The following tellers came forward and a hand count was taken:

Cheryl Warshafsky	Jocelyn Anthony	Michael Anthony
William Drury	Jane Drury	Margaret Johnson
Ruth Delaney	Judith Hass	Carol Stark
	Edward Marshall	

Result of the hand count Yes 294, No 11, motion carried to stop debate. The Moderator attempted for an unanimous vote which failed, the tellers came forward and conducted a hand count. The results Yes 263, No 60,  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's needed is 216 the motion carried and the article reads as follows:

Mark Gauthier, Vice Chairman of the Library Trustees, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain otherwise, the property in fee simple, with the buildings and trees thereon, located on Bartlett Street in the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts and further described in a deed recorded in the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book 2176, Page 504, for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Adams Public Library; that the sum of \$961,900.00 be appropriated for this acquisition, for the design and construction of an addition to the Adams Public Library, for the renovation of the existing Adams Public Library, and for related legal administrative, and other pertinent expenses; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of \$961,900.00 under G.L.C. 44, Section 7; and that the Board of Library Trustees, with the consent and under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project and to take other action necessary for the project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. C 59, Section 21 C (Proposition 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

UNDER ARTICLE 8 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to amend Article 14 of the Fiscal 1989 Annual Town Meeting authorizing the Town to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Special Legislation establishing a Town of Chelmsford Public Works Department by adding the Varney Playground Commission to the petition to be included in said Public Works Department.

Selectman Ready moved that the Town vote to dismiss this article. After Town Counsel researched this article it

was found that because it was a playground it could not come under the jurisdiction of a DPW. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to dismiss, motion carried unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 9 James Doukaszewicz, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee, moved that the Town vote to rescind a portion of the appropriation and a portion of the authorization for the Treasurer to borrow pursuant to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting commenced April 27, 1987 by reducing the sum of money \$112,500.00 thereby reducing the total authorization and appropriation under said Article to \$2,003,481.00.

James Doukaszewicz explained that the purpose of this article is to cancel the prior authorization allowing monies to be spent on certain items listed in the Capital Planning article. By voting this article it will be reducing the total sum of \$2,003,481.00. The original amount authorized was \$2,115,981.00. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 10 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from Article 14 of the Special Town Meeting of September 25, 1986 the sum of \$2,332.00 with which to pay bills of previous years.

The Finance Committee recommended the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 11 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to amend the Town of Chelmsford General By-laws Article VI Police Regulations by adding the following Section 21 Unregistered Motor Vehicle Bylaw:

**SECTION 21 UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE BY-LAW**

1. Except as may be provided herein, not more than one unregistered motor vehicle shall be placed, stored or kept on property except property used for business or industrial purposes and for a period not to exceed one year. No unregistered motor vehicle shall be stored, placed or kept on a "paper street" or private way. All privately owned unregistered motor vehicles shall be stored, placed and kept on private property.
2. Subject to the conditions herein set forth, the Board of Selectmen may issue a permit authorizing an applicant to place, store or keep more than one such motor vehicle on such property.
3. Any such permit may be issued by the Board of Selectmen only after said Board has:
  - (a) Held a public hearing on the application therefore, fourteen days' notice of the time, place and subject matter of which has been given at the expense of the applicant (i) by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town and (ii) by registered or certified mail to the last known address of all owners of land abutting upon the property in question as appearing upon the Assessor's most recent tax list, and

- (b) Determined that the presence of more than one such motor vehicle on such property (i) will not constitute a danger to the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town, and (ii) will not create or continue a condition detrimental and injurious to the neighborhood in which the property in question is located.
4. Each such permit that may be issued by said Board
    - (a) Shall be issued as a personal privilege of the applicant and not as a grant attached to and running with the land, and
    - (b) Shall include a reasonable time limit but not for a period longer than one year, and
    - (c) May specify a location on the property where such motor vehicle or vehicles will not be exposed to the view of abutting residents or the general public.
  5. This By-Law does not apply
    - (a) To motor vehicles in enclosed buildings or
    - (b) To motor vehicles of property where the principal business use is a farm, garden or nursery used provided such motor vehicle is necessary to the operation of such business.
  6. The enforcing authority under this By-Law shall be the Chelmsford Police Department.
  7. The enforcing authority shall give written notice of any violation of this By-Law to the person committing the violation. Thirty days after receipt of such notice of violation, the person receiving the notice shall be liable to a penalty of not more than fifty dollars for each separate offense. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense.
  8. Said violation shall be punishable as provided in Article 1 of the Town of Chelmsford General By-laws.

Selectman Henrick Johnson explained that presently this problem is handled by the Building Inspector via the zoning by-laws, which does not state a definite time and amount of vehicles allowed on the property. This by-law would strengthen the present law by stating a certain amount of time a person would be allowed to have one unregistered car on the property plus there will be a hearing process, handled by the Board of Selectmen. The Finance Committee was in favor of the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 12 James Geary, representing the Tevlin family explained the article. At the present time the land is zoned residential and after trying to sell the property, the family wants to re-zone it to General Commercial District. However, first the family wants the Town to have the first option on purchasing the land at the residential price for the possible library expansion, even after the zoning change is done. If the library is unable to expand, then the land will be sold for commercial use. The Finance Committee was against the motion to re-zone. James Douszkewicz spoke in favor of the article. He stated that the Tevlin family has been waiting for 2½ years for some sort of settlement between the town for a possible purchase

and the property has been maintained and kept up and urged for the re-zoning. Richard Tevlin spoke in favor of the article. He felt that the Finance Committee did not do a thorough research before making their recommendation. If the property was re-zoned, the Town would receive more tax money due to it being in a commercial zone. The family has been more than fair in waiting for the Town to make a decision and asked for support. A discussion took place. A number of voters spoke for and against the article. The Moderator read the Planning Board's recommendation: The Planning Board, held a public hearing on September 14, 1988 and voted in favor (7-0) of the proposal to change the zoning of Bartlett Street property owned by one Mary E. Tevlin from the present RB district (single resident) to CD district (general commercial district). The Moderator asked if there was any need for further discussion. Hearing none he attempted a voice vote which left the chair in doubt, the tellers came forward and conducted a hand count: Yes 244, No 47, ⅔'s vote of 194 needed, the motion passed and reads as follows:

John McCarthy, Chairman of the Planning Board, moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by changing form RB (Residential B. District) to CD (General commercial District) the following described property owned by Mary E. Tevlin:

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of Bartlett Street, and bounded:

Beginning at the northwesterly corner of the premises on the southeasterly line of said Street and at the southwesterly corner of land of Catherine D. Riney, now or formerly; thence southwesterly and southerly by said Bartlett Street, two hundred eighty-three and 79/100 (283.79) feet to land of Arthur G. Scoboria, now or formerly; thence easterly by said Scoboria Lane, one hundred thirty-seven and 69/100 (137.69) feet to Lot D on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Mass., belonging to the estate of J. Adams Bartlett, surveyed September 1945 by J.C. & W.T. Monahan, Civil Engineers & Surveyors," and recorded in Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 71, Plan 46; thence northerly by said Lot D, eighty (80) feet; thence westerly by said Lot D, fifteen (15) feet, more or less, to Lot B on said Plan; thence notheasterly still by said Lot D, one hundred sixty-eight and 96/100 (168.96) feet to said Riney Land; thence northwesterly by said Riney Land, eighty-nine and 63/100 (89.63) feet to the point of beginning.

A portion of the premises being shown as Lots B & C on said plan and the remaining part of said premises being shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Mass. belonging to J. Adams Bartlett, surveyed April 16, 1896 Smith & Brooks Civil Engineers" and recorded with said Deeds, Plan Book 12, Plan 24, containing twenty-seven thousand nine hundred eighty-four (27,984) square feet more or less, all as shown in the deed recorded at Book 2176, Page 504.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 Kathleen Hillman moved to amend her motion as follows:

First: To amend the heading to the by-law to read "section 22 Prohibition of trapping by means of the leghold and conibear trap."

Second: To amend subsection 1 to read "It shall be prohibited and unlawful for any person to set, trigger, activate, or otherwise use or cause to be set, triggered, activated or used any steel jawed leghold or conibear trap to be used for the capture of any animal."

She then yielded the floor to James McBride who wanted to amend the motion also. The Moderator won't allow the McBride amendment at this time, but would allow the discussion because it was connected to the Hillman amendment. A discussion took place and James McBride then yielded the floor back to Kathleen Hillman who in turn discussed her motion to amend. She also explained that she had there in the hall, three non-resident experts who could answer further questions about the effects of trapping on beavers and other animals. Plus she had a video that she wanted to present to the Town Meeting Body. The Moderator explained that the three "experts" would have to be voted individual permission allowing them to speak before the Town Meeting Body. The Town Meeting Body expressed their opposition on viewing the film. The Moderator started to ask for a voice vote granting permission for one of the non-residents to speak when Joseph Paolilli questioned the quorum.

The Moderator called the tellers to come forward and begin a quorum count when Mr. Paolilli withdrew his motion questioning the quorum. Selectman Dennis Ready then moved to table Article 13 at this time, due to it seeming like a lengthy discussion was going to take place, in order to act on Article 14. The Finance Committee was in favor of the motion to table. The Moderator attempted an unsuccessful voice vote, the tellers came forward and conducted a hand count. Yes 167, No 81, motion carried to table Article 13.

UNDER ARTICLE 14 Selectman Dennis J. Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from Article 14 of the Special Town Meeting of September 25, 1986 the sum of \$62,000.00 for the purpose of increasing the Police Department Fiscal 1989 Budget Line Item 76 Salary, to fund negotiated Wage and Salary increases.

Bernard Lynch explained that the Town negotiated with the Police Union and agreed to use civilian dispatchers which would save the Town money. He urged the Town to vote for this article. The Finance Committee recommended the article. William Dalton moved the question. The Moderator asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak, hearing none he asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

Selectman Ready moved to remove Article 13 from the table. The Finance Committee was also in favor. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 Before any further discussion of this article could take place, Joseph Paolilli questioned the presence of a quorum. James McBride moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting until Monday evening at 8:15 PM September 26, 1988 at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. A question was raised on how the Town Meeting Body could vote on anything further if there was no quorum. The Moderator explained that a quorum need not be present in order to adjourn a meeting to a certain place and time. A discussion took place. A question was raised on why there was a debate going on about adjourning when the actual question should be about the quorum being present. Town Council ruled that if a question is raised concerning adjournment that takes precedence over any other motion on the floor. More discussion took place. Patricia Griffin moved the question to stop debate about adjournment. The Moderator asked for any need for further discussion, hearing none he asked for a voice vote, which left the chair in doubt. He asked for the voters to raise their tickets, motion carried to adjourn until Monday, September 26, 1988, at 8:15 PM at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

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Dennis McHugh,  
Moderator

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Mary E. St.Hilaire,  
Town Clerk

## ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING September 26, 1988

The Adjourned Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium, by the Moderator who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 312 voters present.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 The Moderator read the article and the motion to amend by Kathleen Hillman.

### Section 22. Prohibition of Trapping

1. It shall be prohibited and unlawful for any person to trap fur bearing mammals within the Town of Chelmsford.
2. The definitions set forth in General Law Chapter 131, Section 1 of "to Trap," as said act applies to fur bearing mammals, are incorporated herewithin.
3. The Police Department and/or Animal Control Officer of Chelmsford shall be authorized to enforce this By-law pursuant to Article 1 of the Town of Chelmsford By-laws.
4. The fine for each violation of this section shall be Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), with each violation constituting a separate offense. Said violations shall be punishable as provided in Article 1 of the Town of Chelmsford By-laws.

The motion to amend is as follows:

First: To amend the heading to the by-law to read "section 22 Prohibition of trapping by means of the leghold and conibear trap."

Second: To amend subsection 1 to read "It shall be prohibited and unlawful for any person to set, trigger, activate, or otherwise use or cause or be set, triggered, activated or used any steel jawed leghold or conibear trap to be used for the capture of any animal."

Kathleen Hillman spoke about her motion to amend the article. The Moderator asked for any further discussion concerning the motion to amend. Rene LaRouche spoke against the article and the motion to amend. He expressed his views and concerns of the Town's cost factor on maintaining the beaver population in his area. His home abutts Deep Brook and has had problems with the beavers building dams and flooding his area. The only way there was any control of the population and problems was through trapping. At this point Kathleen Hillman broke in and read a letter from the N.E. Director of the Friends of Animals Steve Ruggeri which addressed this problem: "Please be advised that the New England Office of Friends of Animals, Inc. is prepared to provide assistance to the Town of Chelmsford, Ma. or to any local resident by developing and implementing nuisance wildlife control projects which strictly and exclusively employ non-lethal measures." Rene LaRouche continued discussing his concerns. Selectman Henrick Johnson then spoke about the article and explained that he had experienced a situation with a trap as a child and felt that this article and the amendment should be voted on. Fran McDougall also spoke about her dog being caught in a trap. James McBride moved the question to stop any further debate on the amendment. The Moderator attempted a voice vote which failed the following tellers came forward to conduct a hand count:

David McLachlan	Jean Horgan	Michal Anthony
Jocelyn Anthony	Ruth Delaney	Barbara Ward
Peter Bagni	Gail Klemmer	Daniel Burke
	Phil Currier	

At this point Donna Luedecke questioned the presence of a quorum. The Moderator instructed the tellers to count the total number of voters present in the hall. The result was 310 voters present, the quorum by-law requires that 300 voters be present. The Moderator then asked the tellers to continue taking the hand count on the motion to stop debate on the motion to amend. The result of the hand count: Yes 271, No 8,  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's is 186, the motion passes. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended, motion carried, unanimously.

Philip Currier moved the question to stop any further debate on the main motion as amended. The Moderator attempted a voice vote which failed, the tellers came forward and conducted a hand count. The result was Yes 261, No 8,  $\frac{2}{3}$ 's is 178 the motion passes. The Moderator started to take a voice vote on the main motion as amended. Donna Luedecke questioned the quorum present, stating that at least 10 people had left the hall and requested a count be

taken. The Moderator ruled the request out of order stating that only an estimated time of 5-10 minutes had passed since the last count. He asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended. Motion carried and the article reads as follows:

Kathleen Hillman moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws, Article VI, Police Regulations by adding the following Section 22. Prohibition of Trapping by means of the leghold and conibear trap: Section 22. Prohibition of Trapping

1. It shall be prohibited and unlawful for any person to set, trigger, activate, or otherwise use or cause to be set, triggered, activated or used any steel jawed leghold or conibear trap to be used for the capture of any animal."
2. The definitions set forth in General Law Chapter 131, Section 1 of "to trap," as said act applies to fur bearing mammals, are incorporated herewithin.
3. The Police Department and/or Animal Control Officer of Chelmsford shall be authorized to enforce this By-law pursuant to Article 1 of the Town of Chelmsford General By-laws.
4. The fine for each violation of this section shall be Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), with each violation constituting a separate offense. Said violations shall be punishable as provided in Article 1 of the Town of Chelmsford By-laws.

James McBride thanked the voters for attending the meeting and seeing that there was no further business at hand moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Dennis McHugh,  
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire,  
Town Clerk

## WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION November 1, 1988

Middlesex, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in their several polling places, Viz:

Precinct 1. Town Office Building Gymnasium  
Precinct 2. Harrington School Gymnasium  
Precinct 3. Harrington School Gymnasium  
Precinct 4. Westland School Cafeteria



- Precinct 5. Byam School Cafetorium
- Precinct 6. Westland School Cafeteria
- Precinct 7. McCarthy Middle School, Small  
Gymnasium
- Precinct 8. McCarthy Middles School, Small  
Gymnasium
- Precinct 9. Town Office Building Gymnasium

On Tuesday, the first day of November, 1988 from 10:00  
AM to 8:00 PM, for the following purpose:

To vote on the following question:

**Question 1.**

Shall the Town of Chelmsford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the bonds to be issued in order to acquire a certain parcel of land and construct thereon an addition to the Adams Public Library and to renovate the existing library building, all as described under Article 7 of the warrant for the September 19, 1988 special town meeting?

Yes  
No

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION**  
November 1, 1988

Question 1	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
Yes	132	82	188	126	162	187	221	110	163	1371
No	176	151	94	189	204	189	125	158	150	1436
Blanks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>2809</b>

**STATE ELECTION**  
**November 8, 1988**

\*state indicated possible write-in candidates

\*\*The Offices of Pres. & Senator will reflect diff. totals due to Fed. absentee ballots counted.

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	TOTAL
<b>PRESIDENT &amp; VICE PRESIDENT</b>										
Bush & Quayle	1029	1084	1037	920	1222	1095	1259	983	1156	9785
Dukakis & Bentsen	729	816	683	766	783	746	788	813	750	6874
Fulani & Dattner	2	6	1	4	4	1	0	6	4	28
Paul & Marrou	17	28	27	28	26	24	28	24	20	222
Kenoyer & Ehrenreich*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dodge & Ormsby*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	12
Blanks	27	15	13	29	27	24	28	21	29	213
<b>TOTAL**</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1891</b>	<b>2104</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17134</b>
<b>SENATOR &amp; CONGRESS</b>										
Edward M. Kennedy	993	1095	965	1015	1104	1002	1039	1083	1009	9305
Joseph D. Malone	767	794	756	687	888	839	1000	712	890	7333
Mary Fridley	6	5	7	1	14	10	6	7	9	65
Freda Lee Nason	8	12	10	8	10	9	13	12	14	96
All Others	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	30	47	24	36	45	31	45	35	40	333
<b>TOTAL**</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1891</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17131</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS</b>										
Chester G. Atkins	1386	1452	1372	1312	1561	1440	1561	1401	1484	12969
T. David Hudson	217	285	228	247	306	240	296	241	258	2318
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	201	216	162	188	195	210	244	207	220	1843
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2102</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17131</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>										
Jody Dow	601	587	612	515	727	653	788	582	738	5803
Robert B. Kennedy	992	1152	981	1064	1084	1050	1061	1077	1014	9475
Blanks	211	214	169	168	251	187	253	190	210	1853
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2102</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17131</b>
<b>SENATOR IN GEN. CT. 5th Middlesex.</b>										
Carol C. Amick	1157	1208	1133	1122	1272	1186	1278	1188	1175	10718
Edward Rudnitsky	460	527	475	429	549	534	612	501	610	4697
Blanks	187	218	154	196	241	170	212	160	178	1716
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2102</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17131</b>
<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN GEN. CT. 16th Middlesex</b>										
Carol C. Cleven	1305	1066	1122	952	1255	1148	1326	1027	1255	10186
Henry E. Sullivan	631	726	509	623	604	598	614	712	557	5574
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	137	161	131	172	203	144	162	110	150	1370
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2102</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17131</b>
<b>CLERK OF COURTS Middlesex County</b>										
Edward J. Sullivan	1204	1381	1184	1206	1350	1278	1338	1301	1279	11521
All Others	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Blanks	598	4572	578	541	712	612	764	548	682	5607
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2102</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17131</b>
<b>REGISTER OF DEEDS Middlesex</b>										
Edward J. Early Jr.	1189	1386	1178	1192	1341	1276	1324	1296	1252	11416
All Others	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	613	585	584	555	721	614	778	553	710	5713
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1804</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>1762</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>2062</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>2102</b>	<b>1849</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>17131</b>
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER (2) Middlesex County</b>										
Thomas J. Larkin	816	779	771	730	865	778	878	761	891	7269
Edward J. Kennedy Jr.	877	1072	836	931	988	963	992	1002	909	8570
All Others	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	1915	2055	1916	1833	2270	2039	2334	1935	2124	18421
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3608</b>	<b>3906</b>	<b>3524</b>	<b>3492</b>	<b>4124</b>	<b>3778</b>	<b>4204</b>	<b>3698</b>	<b>3920</b>	<b>34262</b>

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
TREASURER Middlesex County										
James E. Fahey Jr.	1203	1333	1189	1193	1327	1243	1325	1236	1228	11277
All Others	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Blanks	599	620	573	554	735	647	777	613	733	5852
TOTAL	1804	1953	1762	1747	2062	1890	2102	1849	1962	17131
QUESTION 1										
Yes	245	277	244	220	274	257	304	270	279	2370
No	1499	1622	1489	1460	1732	1562	1755	1531	1646	14296
Blanks	60	54	29	67	56	71	43	48	37	465
TOTAL	1804	1953	1762	1747	2062	1890	2102	1849	1962	17131
QUESTION 2										
Yes	893	988	959	834	1082	1022	1231	953	1090	9052
No	873	932	767	860	942	819	827	841	831	7692
Blanks	38	33	36	53	38	49	44	55	41	387
TOTAL	1804	1953	1762	1747	2062	1890	2102	1849	1962	17131
QUESTION 3										
Yes	385	450	355	360	371	413	498	436	429	3697
No	1371	1459	1381	1323	1643	1407	1571	1372	1498	13025
Blanks	48	44	26	64	48	70	33	41	35	409
TOTAL	1804	1953	1762	1747	2062	1890	2102	1849	1962	17131
QUESTION 4										
Yes	458	505	375	431	490	447	506	481	468	4161
No	1300	1419	1367	1268	1526	1403	1563	1325	1471	12642
Blanks	46	29	20	48	46	40	33	43	23	328
TOTAL	1804	1953	1762	1747	2062	1890	2102	1849	1962	17131

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Moderator

Dennis E. McHugh  
Term Expires 1990

### Town Clerk

Mary E. St.Hilaire  
Term Expires 1990

**Board of Assessors** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Diane M. Phillips ..... Term Expires 1990  
Ruth K. Delaney ..... Term Expires 1989  
Joseph B. Shanahan, Sr. (appointed 1987) Term Expires 1988  
Richard P. Tevlin ..... Term Expires 1991

**Cemetery Commission** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Charlotte P. DeWolf ..... Term Expires 1990  
Gerald L. Hardy ..... Term Expires 1989  
Dr. Everett V. Olsen ..... Term Expires 1991  
Cemetery Supt: Frank R. Peterson

**Constable** Elected 3 Yr Term 1989  
William E. Spence

**Board of Health** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Mark W. Gauthier ..... Term Expires 1990  
Paul J. Canniff ..... Term Expires 1989  
Paul F. McCarthy ..... Term Expires 1991  
Director: Richard J. Day

**Chelmsford Housing Authority** Elected 5 Yr Term  
Lynn M. Marcella ..... Term Expires 1992  
William P. Keohane ..... Term Expires 1991  
Ruth K. Delaney ..... Term Expires 1990  
Robert L. Hughes ..... Term Expires 1991  
Pamela Turnbull ..... GovApt 7/93  
Director: Lisa Royce

**Library Trustees** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Elizabeth A. McCarthy ..... Term Expires 1990  
D. Lorraine Lambert ..... Term Expires 1990  
Janet B. Hendl ..... Term Expires 1989  
Brenda M. McDermott ..... Term Expires 1989  
Susan G. Cantin ..... Term Expires 1991  
Mark W. Gauthier ..... Term Expires 1991

**Park Commissioners** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Mary P. Bennett ..... Term Expires 1990  
Eileen M. Duffy ..... Term Expires 1989  
Robert L. Wetmore ..... Term Expires 1988  
Walter L. Kivlan ..... Term Expires 1991  
Park Supt: Donald P. Gray

**Planning Board** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Eugene E. Gilet ..... Term Expires 1990  
Thomas E. Firth, Jr. .... Term Expires 1990  
Ann H. McCarthy ..... Term Expires 1989  
John F. McCarthy ..... Term Expires 1989  
Rosalind M. Boyle ..... Term Expires 1988  
Kim J. MacKenzie ..... Term Expires 1991  
James P. Good ..... Term Expires 1991  
Christine A. Gleason ..... Term Expires 1991

**School Committee** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Samuel Poulten ..... Term Expires 1990  
Carol W. Merriam ..... Term Expires 1990  
Carl A. Olsson ..... Term Expires 1989  
James Brough (resigned 1988)  
Nicholas G. Gavriel ..... Term Expires 1988  
Barbara H. Ward ..... Term Expires 1991  
Wendy C. Marcks (appointed) ..... Term Expires 1989

**Selectmen** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Roger A. Blomgren ..... Term Expires 1990  
Dennis J. Ready ..... Term Expires 1989  
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr. .... Term Expires 1989  
Bonita A. Towle ..... Term Expires 1991  
John P. Emerson, Jr. .... Term Expires 1988  
Bradford O. Emerson ..... Term Expires 1991  
Executive Secretary: Bernard Lynch

**Sewer Commissioners** Elected 3 Yr Term  
Jean R. Organ, (resigned 1988)  
John P. Emerson, Jr. .... Term Expires 1989  
Barry B. Balan ..... Term Expires 1991  
Robert P. Joyce (appointed 1988) ..... Term Expires 1989

**Town Treasurer/Tax Collector** Elected 3 Yr Term 1990  
James R. Doukszewicz

**Tree Warden** Elected 3 Yr Term 1990  
Frank Wojtas

**Varney Playground Commission**  
Elec ATM Vote 3 Yr Term  
Bernard Battle ..... Term Expires 1988  
Donald T. Wholey ..... Term Expires 1991  
Norbert J. McHale ..... Term Expires 1989  
Harry J. Ayotte ..... Term Expires 1990

**Finance Committee** Appointed by Moderator  
Peter V. Lawlor ..... Term Expires 9/89  
Dwight M. Hayward ..... Term Expires 12/91  
Myra Silver ..... Term Expires 1/92  
Cheryl Boss ..... Term Expires 11/90  
Donald Elias ..... Term Expires 10/89  
William Logan ..... Term Expires 11/90  
Stephen A. Cain ..... Term Expires 1/92

**Fire Chief**  
Robert L. Hughes  
Dep. Chief: James Sousa

**Highway Superintendent** 1 Yr Term Exp 7/89  
Michael Crory

**Police Chief**  
Raymond McKeon  
Dep. Chief: Pennryn Fitts  
James Greska

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Ruth K. Delaney, M.A.A., Chairman  
 Diane M. Phillips, M.A.A. Richard Tevlin  
 Nancy L. Maher, Assistant to the Assessors

### Personnel

Marie Ronan, Principal Clerk  
 Elaine McBride, Principal Clerk  
 Elaine Meyers, Senior Clerk

The year 1988 was spent updating fiscal year 1989 property values to comply with the Department of Revenue requirements that these values be updated every three years, to reflect the current market value of property in Chelmsford.

Preliminary bills for FY89 were sent out in November of 1988. The final bills for FY89 will be mailed in the Spring of 1989, following the approval of the Department of Revenue reflecting the re-certified values.

The Board of Assessors wishes to extend best wishes to Evelyn M. Philbrook who retired as Principal Clerk on June 30, 1988. Evelyn completed 28 years in the Assessors' Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Phillips, M.A.A.  
 Board of Assessors

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission is pleased to take this opportunity to report to the Citizens of Chelmsford on significant milestone events of 1988.

A 42% increase in interments made 1988 the busiest year in the history of the Chelmsford Cemeteries.

A 36% increase in the sale of lots was also a new high.

Cemetery staff began installation of monument foundations, which work was formerly done by an outside contractor.

Cemetery staff undertook a project, funded by the State, for rehabilitation of Veterans' graves.

As a result of these activities, funds turned over to the Town Treasurer increased from \$49,115 in 1987 to \$80,511 in 1988.

Sources of these funds for 1987 and 1988 were as follows:

	1987	1988
Sale of Graves and Lots	\$36,245	\$48,241
Interments and Other Fees	12,870	18,378
Foundation Installation	0	11,792
Veterans' Grave Rehabilitation	0	2,100
Total	\$49,115	\$80,511

The increase in Interments and Other Fees is a result of the high level of activity in 1988. This, together with the Foundation Installation and Veterans' Grave Rehabilitation work represents \$32,270 going into the Town's General Fund and compares to \$12,870 contributed to the General Fund in 1987.

Programs for beautification and rehabilitation of the Chelmsford Cemeteries went forward and included planting of shade and screening trees in Heart Pond, West Chelmsford, Fairview and Pine Ridge Cemeteries. Shrub plantings in Fairview and Pine Ridge Cemeteries were also accomplished.

Rehabilitation of many monuments in the inactive sections of Forefathers', West Chelmsford and Riverside Cemeteries was accomplished. Emphasis has been on the correction of heavy, tipped-over monuments with the major effort concentrated in Riverside Cemetery.

Other projects in this period include rebuilding the Pine Ridge pumping station after 25 years of service.

A reinforced concrete flammable liquids storage shed has been erected behind our Garage.

Fence repair and replacement at Pine Ridge, Riverside and Fairview Cemeteries was also accomplished.

Because of the increased use of Town Cemeteries the Cemetery Commission has begun formulating a Master Plan for future development of both Pine Ridge and Fairview Cemeteries. The first step has been to have the Cemetery land surveyed and stone bounds are to be installed at the corners of the properties. The next step will make it possible to designate the order and manner in which future sections in these Cemeteries will be laid out and developed.

Improvement in our data handling system is under active consideration since space and workload problems have increased to such an extent that a change is necessary. It is hoped to resolve these issues in 1989.

The Cemetery Commission would like to acknowledge our indebtedness and express thanks on behalf of the Town of Chelmsford to:

- William and Jane Drury, for their tireless and continuing work over the years in documenting the location, inscription and condition of the monuments and markers in the historical section of Forefather's Cemetery. Without their work, no useful future attempts at preservation of these memorials for future generations would be possible.
- The family of John R. Carson, for replacing a storm-damaged tree in Pine Ridge Cemetery with a beautiful dogwood specimen tree.
- Our Veterans' Agent, Mary McAuliffe and State Representative Carol Clevin for their assistance in obtaining the grant for Veterans' Grave Rehabilitation.

- Mr. Raymond J. Greenwood for his generous donation of the new reinforced concrete flammable liquids storage shed.

The Commission also expresses its thanks to the Cemetery Staff, consisting of Richard Nawoichik, Jorge Caires, Kenneth Frazier, Michael Gervais, Eileen Johnson and our summer help, Cesar DeCaires and John Sousa. By their diligent efforts and attention to detail we have been able to provide the townspeople and their families respectful and dignified services in their time of need.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Board of Health Members

Chairman	Paul McCarthy
Vice Chairman	Dr. Paul Canniff
Clerk	Mark Gauthier

### Health Department Personnel

Director of Public Health	Richard J. Day
Health Inspector/Asst.	John P. Emerson, Jr.
Departmental Assistant	Diana L. Wright
Town Nurse	Judith Dunigan, R.N.
Town Physician	Michael Dean, M.D.

### Septage and Wastewater Abatement Program

In 1988 the Septage and Wastewater Abatement Program continued its effort to clean up our waterways. The Board of Health has continued to run its dye testing and water sampling program and positive results are being seen. Numerous tests have been performed by the Board of Health along with the issuance of one-hundred twenty-nine septic system permits for repairs and one-hundred ten septic system permits for new construction with an increasing percentage of commercial, industrial and condominium buildings. The Board has again instituted new regulations to more specifically address further protection of water quality in town.

### Administration and Management

Income for various services and permits is listed below:

Percolation Tests—102	\$ 5,100
Deep Tests—355	17,750
Sewage Hole Repair Permits—129	3,215
Sewage Construction Permits—110	5,570
Miscellaneous License & Fees	17,434

### Complaint and Inspectional Services

During 1988 six inspections were made at new and existing day care centers; sixty-nine inspections made for Chapter II, Housing; eight school inspections; two-hundred eighty-eight complaints received and checked, Camp Paul inspections; thirty bathing beaches inspections; three International Certificates of Vaccination, restaurant and retail food store inspections; one-hundred eight establishments in town inspected twice a year.

### Hazardous Waste and Industrial Wastewater

Richard J. Day (Director of Public Health) was reappointed by the Board of Selectmen as the town's Hazardous Waste Coordinator and Municipal Coordinator to enforce the new "Right-to-Know" law for this town. Mr. Day has initiated a Right-To-Know program for all town employees. The position encompasses actions between the State, Federal agencies, business community and general public.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

### Household Hazardous Waste Day

Hazardous Waste and Industrial Wastewaters has opened up a whole new area to be monitored. A continuing number of incidents have required a cooperative effort between the town and DEQE officials. It is the goal of the Board of Health, along with other town departments, to keep abreast of all current changes and updates in the handling and disposal of all toxic wastes and to supersede any State and Federal standards where it would best serve to protect this community and its precious water supplies. With this in mind, the Board of Health has held a special waste oil only collection on July 30, 1988 and its annual Household Hazardous Waste Day on November 19, 1988. They were both great successes, removing thirty barrels of hazardous waste, 1,300 gallons of waste oil and four dozen batteries from the town.

### Communicable Disease Program

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health mandates that an epidemiological investigation be undertaken on approximately forty-eight communicable diseases. When a communicable disease is reported to the Health Department by a physician or hospital, the nurse contacts the person involved to ascertain if a probable source of the infection can be determined. In some communicable diseases it is necessary that food handlers or family members are removed from their jobs during the period of communicability. The follow-up report is submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Reports on the following diseases were completed during 1988:

Hepatitis B	1
Salmonella	19
Campylobacter Enteritis	10
Giardiasis	5
Bacterial Meningitis	2
Viral Meningitis	1
Yersiniosis	1
Active Tuberculosis	2
Tuberculosis Control Program*	48

\*Referrals received from the Lowell Chest Clinic and Middlesex Community Hospital TB Clinic.

The testing of persons exposed to tuberculosis and those persons whose employment require certification of freedom from that disease is another responsibility of the Town Nurse. One-hundred sixty-four mantoux (TB) tests were given to town residents for pre-employment and to household contacts of active cases in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations. Persons with positive test results are referred to the Lowell Chest Clinic for follow-up. Home visits and telephone calls are made to families of active and some inactive tuberculosis cases on a periodic basis to insure understanding of the illness and that adequate medical follow-up is achieved.

ed. Numerous medical records are kept and updated on residents who have a positive (TB) mantoux test and are receiving medication prophylactically and being followed radiologically at the Lowell Chest Clinic.

AIDS and Venereal Disease are reported by the physician directly to the State Department of Public Health to maintain patient confidentiality.

### **Immunization Program**

The Board of Health and Council on Aging sponsored two flu clinics this year. Fifty persons were immunized with pneumonia vaccine and Seven-hundred Seventy-eight persons were immunized with flu vaccine at clinics. An additional two-hundred thirty doses were given to nursing homes, thirty doses to school nurses for staff, eight home visits were made to handicapped or house-bound residents and thirty-two visits to McFarlin Manor and Chelmsford Arms. A total of one-thousand seventy-eight doses of flu vaccine were administered in town, provided free by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Several immunizations were administered to update students records in compliance with the Massachusetts School Immunization Laws and prophylactically to residents traveling to underdeveloped countries.

### **Hypertension Screening Program**

Blood pressure screenings for residents are held the first Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Board of Health, Town Offices.

### **Diabetic Screening Program**

The Health Department has an Ames Glucometer for the purpose of conducting blood sugar screenings. The procedure takes a short time, involves a small sample of blood by finger prick method, and can be done either fasting or two hours after meals. Residents may call the Health Department office and make an appointment with the nurse at 250-1158.

### **Cholesterol Screening Program**

Cholesterol screenings were offered to residents three times during the year. A nominal fee was charged and the dates were announced in the newspapers several weeks prior to the screening. These screenings will now be offered monthly by appointment. Call the nurse at 250-1158 for an appointment.

### **Lead Paint Screening Program**

The Health Department offers free lead paint testing of children between ages nine months and six years. The procedure takes a short time and involves a small sample of blood by finger prick method. The blood sample is then sent to the State lab for testing. We will forward the results to your physician. Residents may call the Health Dept. at 250-1158 and make an appointment with the nurse.

### **Health Fair**

The Town's fifth Health Fair will be held on Saturday, May 13, 1989 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at a location to be announced in Westford. This will be held in conjunction with the Westford Health Department and be open to both Chelmsford and Westford residents. Free

screenings to be offered include: blood pressure, height, weight, vision, glaucoma, blood sugar, blood chemistry to include a cardiac risk profile plus many more. Details will be announced in the newspapers or call the Health Dept. at 250-1158.

## **CHELMSFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners worked diligently over the past year to develop long range goals and new housing programs compatible with the existing needs of the Community. The Commissioners implemented a new Modernization Program for McFarlin Manor and Chelmsford Arms, applied for additional rental assistance certificates and applied and received the Comprehensive Permit for the construction of Elderly and Family Housing on three sites. Additionally, the Commissioners attended a dedication of the Brick Kiln Development, which was built with bonds issued by the Authority. The Development contains 180 units of mixed income rental housing.

During the course of the year, the Commissioners and staff also instituted and implemented programs to insure the continued upgrading of the existing housing units, and increased the efficiency of the day to day administrative functions. The staff conducted maintenance inspections of existing units. Due to a substantial increase in the work load, a computer system was purchased.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

The Authority's program expansion engendered a significant increase in the work load for the Administration Staff. The acquisition of new programs and the increased work load prompted the Board of Commissioners to purchase a computer system with funds provided by the Teller Program for such a purchase. Along with the acquisition of the computer system, the hiring of a part-time junior clerk last year has made the office more efficient.

The Administration staff continues to receive training. Workshops and seminars sponsored by the Executive Office of Communities and Development, MASS NAHRO, Section 8 Administration Association, and the North Shore Executive Directors Association were the major sources of training. The Authority Commissioners attend training seminars sponsored by the Executive Office of Communities and Development as well as the Annual MASS NAHRO Conference.

### **EXISTING PROGRAMS**

The Authority manages and maintains 120 units of Elderly Housing at 3 sites and an 8 unit Community Residence. The Authority's rental assistance programs include 31 units of State-Aided Chapter 707 Certificates for Elderly and Family applicants and 127 certificates of Federally-Aided Section 8 Elderly and Family Housing.

The demand for housing continues to exceed availability. Currently, the Authority has over 150 applications for Elderly Housing and in excess of 250 applications for Family Housing. This translates into a 5 year waiting period for Elderly Families from the time of application to the actual assignment of units. The waiting period for families is approximately 3 years.

The Chelmsford Housing Authority's June 1988 year end Operating Statement lists assets at \$3,819,584.37; liabilities at \$3,819,584.37.

### NEW PROGRAMS

In July 1986, the Authority received an award from the Executive Office of Communities and Development. These State-Aided units will be constructed on 3 sites, all of which were donated to the Authority by the Town of Chelmsford. With the exception of the Highland School, which will be rehabilitated, the units will be new construction.

The Authority, in June of 1988 received its Comprehensive Permit from the Board of Appeals. Request for construction bids were advertised soon afterward. The projected occupancy date of these units is the Spring of 1990.

The Authority had the unique distinction of participating with a private developer in a project which culminated in construction of 180 units of mixed income rental housing. The Authority issued bonds to finance the construction of the project, which included 36 low and moderate income units. Only a few Authority's have been successful in implementing this innovative program.

The Commissioners attended the dedication of these units in December 1987, and placed income eligible residents in units in February 1988.

For the past several years, Federal Funds for Housing Programs have decreased. However, the Authority successfully obtained funding for 16 Voucher units. This program entitles participants to receive housing assistance payments for units in the private housing market. The participants are required, as in all Federally Funded Programs, to pay at least 30% of their gross income for rent, with the Authority subsidizing the remainder.

### MAINTENANCE

The Authority's maintenance staff continues to provide excellent service. Their implementation of the Authority's preventative maintenance program, answering emergency calls and tending to the day to day maintenance needs of the development has won the staff praise from the residents. Their effectiveness and high standards has helped to increase the quality of life of the residents.

The maintenance staff, due to reductions in budgets by the State has had to resort to innovative means to proper-

ly maintain Authority property. The maintenance department contacted the Department of Correction Work Release Program to paint the hallways and Community Building of the Chelmsford Arms Development. The Authority would not have been able to obtain the funding due to fiscal constraints.

The Annual Inspections conducted by the Executive Director and the maintenance staff is a significant component of the Authority's preventative maintenance program. The inspections provide information on the conditions of the structures, apartments, grounds and systems. In addition to alerting the Authority to existing problems which require immediate attention, the inspection provides information useful in budget preparations and planning modernization programs.

### MODERNIZATION

During the year, the Authority received funding from the Executive Office of Communities and Development in the amount of approximately \$65,840 for modernization projects. The Authority is still working to complete these projects.

The funds were utilized to provide back flow devices for Chelmsford Arms and McFarlin Manor as required by the State Board of Health, a new bathroom floor for the Community Residence and painting for McFarlin Manor. Still pending are new gas boilers for Chelmsford Arms and vinyl siding for the Community Residence. The Authority anticipates all modernization work to be completed by the Spring of 1989. The architectural firm of MGIA is acting as consultants for the gas boilers and vinyl siding projects.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Chelmsford Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners is composed of five citizen members appointed to five year staggered terms. Four of the members are elected in the general election by the citizens of Chelmsford. One member is appointed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Communities and Development.

### BOARD MEMBERS

The Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners holds regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., at McFarlin Manor, 10 Wilson Street, Chelmsford, MA. The Annual Meeting of the Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners is held on the first Tuesday in May. All meetings are open to the public.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



CHELMSFORD HOUSING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mary E. Royce  
Executive Director  
Full-Time

Helen Cantara  
Senior Clerk  
Full-Time

Robert Trainor  
Maintenance Laborer  
Full-Time

Linda Dalton  
Junior Clerk  
Part-Time

Richard O'Neil  
Maintenance Laborer  
Part-Time

**AGENCY DIRECTORY**

**Board of Commissioners**

NAME	TITLE	TERM EXPIRES
Ruth K. Delaney	Chairman	1990
Robert L. Hughes	Vice-Chairman	1993
William P. Keohane	Treasurer	1991
Pamela A. Turnbull	Asst. Treasurer (State Appointee)	1993
Lynn Marcella	Member	1992

**STAFF**

Mary E. Royce	Executive Director
Helen Cantara	Senior Clerk
Linda H. Dalton	Junior Clerk
Robert M. Trainor	Mechanic Laborer
Richard P. O'Neil	Maintenance Laborer

**McFARLIN MANOR TENANT COUNCIL**

Mary L. Silva	President
Eva R. Hull	Vice-President
Grace E. Logan	Secretary
Evelyn B. Horton	Treasurer
Alice M. O'Toole	Asst. Treasurer

**NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL  
HIGH SCHOOL**

Serving the Towns of Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton,  
Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford.

**DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Thomas Carey, Chairman	Chelmsford
J. James Howells, Vice-Chairman	Westford
Ellen Hargraves, Secretary	Groton
Howard Burns	Pepperell
John Donohoe	Chelmsford
Stratos Dukakis	Chelmsford
Augustine Kish	Littleton
Irene Macheimer	Townsend
Robert Manning	Shirley
Charlotte Scott	Westford

**ALTERNATES**

Harvey Atkins, Jr.	Littleton
Kevin Finnegan	Westford
Edward Mitchell	Townsend
L. Peter Noddin	Shirley
Jordan Waugh	Groton
Ronald Wetmore	Chelmsford

**ADMINISTRATION**

Bernholdt Nystrom	Superintendent-Director
Charles Valera	Assistant Director/Principal
David McLaughlin	Assistant Director/Vocational
Paul Royte	Guidance Director
Paula Page	Special Education Coordinator
Thomas Eng	Dean of Students

Nashoba Valley Technical High School's enrollment as  
of October 1, 1988 was as follows:

Chelmsford	134
Groton	47
Littleton	29
Pepperell	73
Shirley	51
Townsend	56
Westford	102
Tuitioned	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>522</b>

Nashoba Valley Technical High School is accredited by  
the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.  
and provides its students with on-the-job training, saleable  
skills, co-op program, high school diploma, trade cer-  
tificate and an opportunity for further education and job  
placement.

Over the past decade, the record of employment for our  
graduates has averaged approximately 95%. Each year  
qualified seniors may elect to take advantage of our Co-  
op Training Program which allows senior students to work  
in industry during their shop weeks and receive valuable  
training in their chosen fields as well as a salary.

The following programs are offered at Nashoba Tech:

**Technical Programs**

Auto Body	Horticulture/Landscaping
Automotive	Machine
Carpentry	Medical Occupations
Culinary Arts and Baking	Metal Fabrication and Welding
Data Processing	Painting and Decorating
Drafting	Plumbing and Heating
Electrical	Printing
Electronics	

**Academic Programs**

English	Geometry
Social Studies	Trigonometry
U.S. History	Advanced Mathematics
Consumer Education	Biology
General Mathematics	Physics
Algebra	Chemistry
How to Start Your Own Business	

In addition to the technical and academic programs, a full Inter-Scholastic Athletic Program is offered to the students.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Nashoba Valley Technical High School's Adult Education Program is open to anyone of high school age or over. Participants from all communities are welcome to participate in the many diversified courses which are offered during both the fall and spring semesters. This year 601 students enrolled in our Adult Education Program.

**PERSONNEL BOARD****Members**

Elizabeth L. Delaney, Chairman  
Joan M. Gauthier  
Harold I. Matzkin

**Clerk**

Louise Beauchesne

**Meetings**

The first Monday night of each month at the Town Office Building. Special worksessions are scheduled when necessary.

The Personnel Board is composed of three members, each have a term of office for two years. Two of whom are appointed by the Town Moderator, the third member of the Board is elected by the non-union town employees. Current members are Elizabeth Delaney (elected by non-union town employees) who replaced Pennryn Fitts (6/1983-6/1987); Joan M. Gauthier who replaced J. Rene Scutt (1/1981-1/1988) and Harold I. Matzkin who replaced Alan Murphy (1/1980-7/1988). Mr. Murphy had served as chairman since July 1980.

The purpose of the Board is to formulate and implement policy regarding personnel administrative practices,

wages, benefits, performance evaluations, job descriptions and organization changes. In addition, the Board makes the decisions concerning starting salaries, salary increases and job reclassifications; as well as participating with other personnel boards and exchanging current information.

During the past years, the Board recommended and Town Meeting approved by law changes which now provide additional benefits to employees under the jurisdiction of the Board that were already enjoyed by other town employees. Work was also completed on an extensive salary survey, the results of which will form the basis of by-law changes to be presented at the 1989 Town Meeting.

In 1989, the Board will work closely with all town departments to implement personnel practices in a way that is fair and equitable to town employees. The Board will also review existing personnel policies and procedures so that the town can continue to attract and maintain highly skilled and motivated employees.

**PLANNING BOARD**

John F. McCarthy, Chairman  
Thomas E. Firth, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Kim J. MacKenzie, Clerk  
Eugene E. Gilet  
Christine A. Gleason  
James P. Good  
Ann H. McCarthy  
Principal Clerk, Joan L. Pare

The Chelmsford Planning Board began the year by reorganizing the Board and appointed Mr. John F. McCarthy as Chairman, Mr. Thomas E. Firth, Jr. as Vice Chairman, Mr. Kim MacKenzie as Clerk. Mr. Eugene Gilet is the representative to the Northern Middlesex Area Commission. In April, Mrs. Rosalind J. Boyle, who had served as a member on the Planning Board for nine years, did not return, her seat was filled by Ms. Christine A. Gleason.

In 1988, (5) five Subdivisions were approved. They were located in the following areas: Badger Lane, McHugh Farm Lane, Sarah Lane, Nashoba Drive, Lewis Lane.

Fifteen Site Plans were approved in 1988.

**CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Adams Library, Boston Road, Chelmsford Center

Anna C. MacKay Memorial Branch Library  
Newfield Street, North Chelmsford

**Library Trustees**

D. Lorraine Lambert, Chairperson  
Mark Gauthier, Vice-Chairperson  
Elizabeth McCarthy, Treasurer  
Susan G. Cantin, Secretary  
Janet Hendl  
Brenda McDermott

**Collections and Circulations:** 1988 borrowing of materials showed an increase of over 10% for the second year in a row, with Children's House circulation rising over 25% again! Continuous work on updating and tailoring the collection to our patrons is resulting in an improved selection of materials, and 3 new terminals have eased the wait for patrons checking out materials.

**Programs:** The children's summer reading program attracted over 300 active participants, and adults were treated to "Laughing Matters"—a book discussion series created by library staff and funded by a humanities grant. Other programs at the main library or branch included a monthly mystery writers discussion group, lectures on subjects from archaeology to Zen, and a Chelmsford Writers' Roundtable.

**Personnel:** Two new department heads in 1988 were Gloria Jacobs in Technical Services and Judy Hildebrandt in Reference. Roberta Haas has begun work in the Fine Arts area, and Dot Howard and Maureen O'Sullivan have joined the staff at MacKay.

**Facilities:** The MacKay Branch Library received some much-needed attention in 1988—carpeting, painting, some new furniture. Since the Library's building project was not exempted from the restrictions of Proposition 2½ in the November election, the plans for an expanded Adams Library are no longer feasible.

**Goals:** 1989 should see continued attention to upgrading our collections, streamlining our technical processes and

further progress towards on-line catalog access. We will continue our efforts to meet the challenge of providing quality library service in facilities without adequate space, seating, parking or handicapped access. Credit for our success in these efforts belongs to the Trustees, staff, and our supportive Friends and patrons.

### Statistical Report

Monies deposited with Town Treasurer  
from fines, fees & lost materials \$18,695  
Circulation: 273,627  
Staff: (full-time) 12  
(part-time) 11 (FTE's)  
pages 2.5 (FTE's)

### Departments:

Children's: Cheryl Zani  
Circulation: Linda Robinson  
Community Services: Judy Buswick  
MacKay Branch: Rona Call  
Maintenance/custodial: John Reslow  
Reference: Judy Hildebrandt  
Technical Services: Gloria Jacobs  
Assistant Director: Sandy Yensen

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Rauch  
Director

## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Richard F. Burt, Jr.

Judith A. Olsson  
Chairman

Janet F. Bonica  
(resigned 11/10/88)

## ENROLLED VOTERS

PRECINCT	DEMOCRATIC	REPUBLICAN	UNENROLLED	TOTAL REGISTERED
1	650	362	1,026	2,038
2	687	403	1,166	2,256
3	551	310	1,101	1,962
4	767	343	898	2,008
5	683	397	1,234	2,314
6	653	428	1,010	2,091
7	673	457	1,223	2,353
8	670	376	1,044	2,090
9	600	440	1,140	2,180
TOTALS	5,934	3,516	9,842	19,292

## CHELMSFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE



*Carl Olsson, Chairman*  
*Samuel Poulten, Vice Chairman*  
*Carol Merriam, Secretary*  
*Jill MacPhee, Student Member*

*Barbara Ward*  
*Wendy Marcks*

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT FOR 1988

The pressures on the Chelmsford School Department continued during 1988 resulting from the economic constraints imposed by Proposition 2½, declining enrollment at the secondary level, the beginnings of increase in enrollment at the elementary level and the desire to provide quality education. The quality of service continued steadily upward. It is our intention to continue on that course.

Our purpose in the Chelmsford School System is to continue a Quest for Quality in order to challenge the intellectual skills of every student. Our goals are to provide appropriate educational facilities and curriculum for all of the students and to recognize the uniqueness of each individual. Thus, in a Quest for Quality we recognize four major educational areas that require study and attention; curriculum and control of courses, quality and effectiveness of teaching; recognition and encouragement of students; and development of intellectual leadership.

The staff has been involved in ongoing studies in order to find the best means for meeting the individual needs of children. This requires a high level of organization and cooperation between the grade level and varying disciplines. Ways to challenge the very bright child, keep the average child working to capacity, and providing additional time for the slow learner are being investigated and several programs have been piloted.

New technology and the explosion in knowledge has brought and will continue to bring, significant changes in the curriculum. The innovations that have been brought forth from our computer department and Cable TV, are providing significant assistance in the learning process.

The School Committee spent a great deal of time and effort in trying to deal with the issues affecting the budget, such as increased costs and negotiated salaries. The failure of the town to vote an override in Proposition 2½ prompted the School Committee to realize that the time is fast approaching when the Chelmsford School System will no longer be able to offer these extensive services it has provided in the past, and must seek ways of containing the cost of education to that which the community is willing and able to pay. While the School Committee's commitment is to provide quality and excellence in education for all pupils attending Chelmsford Schools, it is also committed to operating within extant financial constraints required for the preparation of a fiscally responsible budget.

During this school year there have been many educational highlights of which we are all very proud. The Chelmsford Public Schools believe that it has the responsibility of meeting individual students' needs and of simultaneously being sensitive and responsive to the needs of our community. Our staff is committed to this goal, and as a result, our children are the beneficiaries.

The following reports written by school personnel will provide you with a sampling of the accomplishments of our young people as well as a better understanding of the learning environment and practical experiences present in our schools today.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL

The academic year 1987-1988 was fruitful and productive at Chelmsford High School. We participated in many academic programs at the local, state, national and international level and our students grew intellectually and socially. Specifically, our students took part in many assessment tests which were reported out with local, regional, state and national norms. This provided us with a number of opportunities to compare our standards with criteria set by the State Department of Education and the national guidelines set forth in Madison High School by the Secretary of Education. We are happy to report to the citizens of Chelmsford that we are pleased with the outcome.

Many students achieved individual honors and met their goals as reflected by their accomplishments. The same is true of our professional staff as members were selected as recipients of National Science Foundation Grants; our science department was honored by the E.I. Dupont de Nemours Company to participate in its summer workshop; two of our teachers were leaders at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference which was held in St. Louis, Missouri and three of our teachers at the High School authored books which were published this past year.

From the standpoint of activities, our students were actively involved in the fine arts by producing numerous plays, publications, exhibits, performances, international exchanges, and several community projects. Our orchestra traveled and performed throughout Western Europe. It is estimated that approximately one-third of our student body was actively involved in an extra-curricular activity which helped expand their academic horizons.

Our athletic program was successful during this academic year as we once again captured our division's Ernest Dalton Memorial Trophy for the greatest percentage of victories in interscholastic competition for the entire academic year. This was indeed a rewarding fete; however, the greatest achievement of our athletes was the manner in which they represented themselves, our school, their homes and the community. Approximately forty percent of our student body participates in our athletic program and their behavior, performance, demeanor, and sportsmanship was exemplary and our athletes are the envy of the entire Merrimack Valley.

This was the year of declining enrollment and consequently our school has been reduced to three Houses. We have also altered our schedule to a traditional seven period day. The students and staff have adjusted to this transition with ease. All of the programs both academic and extra-curricular continue to be offered, and the high standards and expectations are being maintained.

It is with a deep sense of pride that I submit this report to the Town of Chelmsford on its High School.

Respectfully submitted,  
George J. Betses  
Principal

## CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The 1987-1988 school year was indeed a busy one for the Social Studies Department. To help create the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution, a "Constitution Day" was held and later students participated in a "Constitutional Convention" at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The "Constitution Day" featured a day of presentations by community members representing the topics of immigration, military service, volunteer organizations and local, county and state government. The Lowell "Constitution Convention" was sponsored by the National Park Service and involved area high schools in debates on topics such as English as the national language, mandatory drug testing, rating of recorded music, and prayer in the public schools.

The department continued to offer quality programs for all ability levels in political science, world history, United States history and a variety of elective courses in areas such as sociology, psychology, international relations, Asian studies, economics and the holocaust.

Due to a dedicated and involved staff, students participated in the following special events: The Chelmsford Education Foundation News Quiz, The Harvard Model UN, The Bentley Model UN, The Framingham State Essay Contest, and Chelmsford Student Government Day.

As in the past, field trips to historical landmarks such as The Boston Public Library, The State House, and Fruitlands Museum were integrated into the curriculum as were visits by numerous guest speakers from the Boston Vietnam Veterans Center, The Boston World Affairs Council and The Lowell Park Service, among others.

The department is committed to continue to provide a full, varied curriculum that includes a variety of opportunities for students to use and test concepts learned in classroom activities.

W. Allen Thomas, Jr.  
Social Studies  
Department Head

## FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT HEAD

The High School English Department continues to witness the success of our present and former students in the area of language arts. Through the expertise of our professional staff and the continued support of the administration, the students are exposed to a curriculum that prepares them for the challenges of the future while encouraging them to realize their full potential as a person.

During the academic year of 1987-1988, our students continued to demonstrate an exceptional level of achievement. Twenty-three of our twenty-six senior English Advanced Placement students qualified for college English credit on

the national standardized test. The highest scores on this test were achieved on the written essay. Our ninth grade students placed first in the state and fifth in the nation on the National Language Arts Olympiad, a standardized test that measures vocabulary, reading comprehension, grammar and spelling skills. Sophomore Dan Tepfer and freshman Keith Patton won cash prizes in the UMass Excellence in Expository Writing Program. The high school literary magazine, *Mosaics*, and the student newsmagazine, *The Voice*, were awarded a first place from Columbia University Press Association. Our students are performing successfully on the verbal SAT and, after graduation, at college and on the job.

Our strong commitment to writing received additional support both technically and financially. With the addition of six Apple computers, the English Department has established a writing laboratory with nine word processors for students to use in both our writing electives and regular English courses. If staffing permits, we hope to open this lab to students during their open scheduled periods for writing and SAT tutorials. In addition, Mr. Ed Krasnecki, owner of the *Newsweekly*, has generously offered our students in journalism a full page of his newspaper to gain a realistic experience in producing copy for print.

Achievements have not been limited to the students. The faculty of the English Department has also received recognition during this past academic year. Dr. Polly Cleary's name was included on a list of notable American poets. Rebecca Carosso Burnett, on sabbatical from our staff, with Liz Foster of our staff, have written a writing text to be used with the teaching of Shakespeare that was recommended with praise by the National Council Teachers of English. Stephen Meidell, chairperson of the department, was selected to conduct an administrative Horace Mann Grant to study the curricula of schools with a higher number of National Merit Scholars. The greatest achievement of our faculty is their continued efforts with all our students each academic day, an achievement that is rewarded by the students' academic and personal development.

## FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Since last town meeting we have lost two excellent science teachers in Dorothy Gillispie and Fred Leger. Both were casualties of the RIFing process. We wish them well and thank them for their years of service and dedication.

Our TV link with the University of Lowell is still going strong. We have expanded the program to include mass spectroscopy and emission spectroscopy. We are now planning programs for the determination of the speed of light and X-ray diffraction. In April, Mr. Donald Parkhurst and myself will be presenting a paper at the National Science Teachers Association convention. The topic will pertain to the use of two way TV in science education.

Mr. Ralph Sherwood and Mrs. Cheryl Mamalis have presented a safety workshop for the entire secondary science staff. They have accepted the responsibility for educating

the staff in the area of laboratory safety and safety regulations. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated staff. The workshop was the culmination of a Horace-Mann Grant awarded to Mr. Sherwood and Mrs. Mamalis.

Mr. Sherwood is also participating in an in-service program in the field of chemical education. The program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and hosted by the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Mr. Sherwood has already devised an original laboratory exercise pertaining to the concentration of chloride ions in household water.

A Horace-Mann Grant was also awarded to Mr. Bernard Queenan, Mr. Richard Luce, Mr. Michael Winn and Mr. John Prescott for integrating a new text into the level II biology program. Mr. Prescott also participated in a summer workshop sponsored by the Dupont Co. He spent a week in Wilmington, Delaware, with the best secondary biology teachers in the country getting updated in the new techniques in biological research.

As a direct result of Mr. Prescott's efforts we arranged for an expert in the field of electrophoresis to come to the high school to conduct a laboratory exercise in this important research field. The Dupont plant in Billerica was the source of the materials and expertise.

Due to the recent reduction in forces, many of the staff have had to teach in areas that they never have before. I would like to thank Mr. Wayne Hamilton, Mrs. Cheryl Mamalis, Mrs. Christine Raymond, Mr. Donald Parkhurst, and Mr. Ralph Sherwood for their dedication to the education of the students of the Town of Chelmsford.

Submitted by,  
Mike Tate

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 7-12

January to June 1988 proved to be a very successful conclusion to a successful beginning of the Industrial Arts program in grades 7-8 and 9-12.

Students at the McCarthy Middle School enjoyed the designing and construction of a race car and the design and construction of a dream house. Home design and repair were added to the curriculum in the 8th grade course and will be evaluated in June of '89 for revision or continuation in the 8th grade program.

Grades 9-12 saw a reduction in the number of staff for the Industrial Arts program at the end of the school year. In June, Mr. Robert Pariseau, the department head for Industrial Arts, left, due to declining enrollment at the high school, to take a position in New Hampshire as Director of Vocational Education at one of the local school districts. Best of luck to Bob.

Effective September of '88, the name of the department for Industrial Arts has been changed to the Department for Technology Education.

As the new department head of a newly-named department, I am working to change the philosophy and objectives of the department as well as its name. We are going to strive to be a hands on problem solving branch of the educational community at C.H.S.

In the electronics classes, the purchase of a new piece of equipment is bringing us toward that goal. This computer can be "bugged" by the instructor, Mr. DiNatale, and students can work on the system to repair and replace the parts necessary. Work on *Hero*, our robot, continues, and discussion has taken place with the U. Lowell Robotics Dept. on the subject of program and control of the robot via television linkage.

In Mr. Finnerty's technical drawing and architectural drawing classes, work is continuing to expand the CAD (Computer Aided Drafting/Design) system and we are currently having discussion with the community industries to fulfill this need.

Courses offered in the Technology Education Department include:

General Drafting	Technical Drawing
Architectural Drawing	Analog Electronics
Digital Electronics	T.E. Exploratory
Fine Furniture Construction	House Construction
General Welding	Small Engine Repair

It is my hope that parents will research these courses and encourage their daughters and sons to sign up and take a few of these courses while at C.H.S.

Submitted by,  
Barry T. Bell  
Department Head for  
Technology Education

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF BUSINESS EDUCATION

The Business Department presently has six staff members with expertise in a wide range of Business and Distributive Education subject areas. In addition to the six staff members, the Department has a Business Resource Specialist for the Business Resource classroom. Monies for the position of Resource Specialist were granted to Chelmsford by the Federal Government as a result of efforts of Business Department staff members in developing the grant proposal.

This past April four Distributive Education students competed in national competition in Salt Lake City. Three of these students received recognition for finishing in the top ten nationwide.

Last spring the Fashion Merchandising Classes in conjunction with several local retailers coordinated and sponsored a highly successful Spring and Summer Fashion Show entitled *Fashions in Bloom*. The proceeds from the class project were used to provide scholarship money to students pursuing careers in fashion and/or business.

The Business Department continues to work with the Career Education Center in coordinating speakers from the Business Community to share their expertise and insights with the students.

### FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT HEAD

The Chelmsford High School Mathematics Department continues to meet the needs of every student; a task that becomes increasingly difficult to accomplish due to reduction in force because of fiscal constraints.

This year, an in-depth study initiated by Ann Swierzbis, a member of our staff, led to a recommendation to eliminate the two year Algebra One sequence for low achievers and replace it with a more traditional one year Pre-Algebra course. Successful completion of this course would allow a student to elect a traditional Algebra One course.

After months of intensive search, the Geometry Textbook Review Committee recommended the adoption of Merrill Geometry for use in the level two Geometry course. It will replace a textbook that is sixteen years old.

The Calculus Textbook Review Committee is still in the process of searching for an adequate replacement text for use in the level two Calculus course.

Due to decline in enrollment and budgetary constraints, the Basic II semester course has been dropped from the program of studies and it appears that 1987-1988 was the final year that Computer Programming (AP) and level three Calculus will be allowed to run. The Mathematics staff at Chelmsford High School was reduced by six sections (1.2 teachers). Fortunately, due to leaves of absence and other staff transfers, no layoffs were necessary.

Our students continue to improve their scores in the Mathematics section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. As usual, our students performed extremely well in the Advanced Placement Exams (Calculus AB, BC and Computer Science). The Math League team continued to perform well in all of their competitions.

The Town of Chelmsford remains fortunate to possess a motivated, qualified, dedicated and diversified mathematics teaching staff and an excellent mathematics curriculum. However, further large reductions could cause more courses to be eliminated from the program of studies.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION K-12

Three fundamental themes—communication, curriculum, and educational networking—were goals of the Physical Education Department over the past year.

Presently all schools have a Physical Education Handbook which was distributed to parents either as a report card insert or as an open house handout. The elementary handbook is the most current and most extensive. Modifications and additions will be made to the middle school and high school handbooks during the coming year.

Several experimental ideas were initiated at Byam last year with the intent of expanding the concepts to the other elementary schools—a Physical Education Newsletter containing information for parents as well as students, a computerized Physical Education report card insert, an invitation to parents to attend their child's Physical Education class, and a monthly sportsmanship award program. Several of these programs are currently being phased into other elementary schools.

A revised Fitnessgram program (computerized fitness report card/exercise prescription) was used in all the school's health fitness testing programs last spring. The new system compared students to health standards in each of the areas tested—cardiovascular endurance, body composition, muscular strength and endurance, lower back flexibility, and upper body strength. The vast majority of students scored at or above the health standard in all tests. Two test components that indicated borderline scores were cardiovascular strength/endurance and upper body strength. The information compiled from the townwide fitness testing was used for program evaluation and published in the Physical Education Newsletters and Handbooks. Students in grades 4, 5, and 7 received individualized Fitnessgrams.

With the use of a scorecard scanning device, we hope to include more grade levels in the Fitnessgram report card system. The scanner will read scores directly from card to disk from which the reports will be generated.

At the elementary level we are currently experimenting with the education and communication capabilities of the camcorder/VCR in order to enhance the curriculum and public relations. Additionally, we are working on the development of a series of theme related lessons.

The middle school expanded the Project Adventure ropes course which is now a core offering in the curriculum. The successful Walking Wellness program at Parker spurred interest in the development of walking electives at both McCarthy and CHS. An alternative to tennis, the high school will offer floor tennis/pickle ball in the curriculum this spring. Hopefully, needed repairs will be made to the high school tennis courts so that we can offer this worthwhile lifetime activity to our students again.

As President of the Northeast Physical Education Directors, I arranged three regional workshops which various staff members attended. The topic of the first workshop was "Maximizing Activity Time In Elementary Physical Education" presented by Dr. Robert Fredericks of Bridgewater State College. The second workshop was entitled "Middle School Curriculum—Theory To Practice" conducted by Dr. Gretchen Brockmeyer of Springfield College. The third workshop focused on two topics—a com-



prehensive 9-12 health curriculum and skills grouping in high school Physical Education.

The workshops not only provided us with information to improve our curriculum, but also provided us with an educational network of directors and teachers with whom we can continue to share ideas.

As next year's President of CTAPE (City and Town Administrators of Physical Education), I hope to expand the educational network statewide.

The Physical Education Department ran three workshops on November 8th. One workshop focused on the elementary curriculum. Another workshop explored computer application for the Physical Education teacher. One such project completed over the summer was the computerization of the high school locker rooms. The third workshop entitled "Games To Grow On" was conducted by Karl Rohnke, founder of Project Adventure and author of three new games books.

Plans for future workshops include the topics of walking wellness and strategies for coed Physical Education classes.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF ART

Although the means for maintaining and improving curriculum development and teacher performance have been severely eroded, due to budget cutbacks in recent years, members of the Art Department have begun taking some initiatives on their own:

- Barbara Nowacki has continued working with Boston University in the supervision of student art teachers at the South Row School.
- Dora Bungard has completed her Masters degree in secondary education through Fitchburg State College.

As Department Head of Art (K-12), listed below are some of my accomplishments for 1988:

- Elected Steering Committee Chairman for first annual *Massachusetts Art All-State Festival*. Three students from Chelmsford High School were selected to participate.
- Elected Vice President of *The Massachusetts Directors of Art Education* for 1988-89.
- Co-initiated, developed and acquired grant-funding for *Multi-Disciplinary Arts Technology Extended Event* at the high school. (An eight-day Arts Technology project involving students in Physics, Computer Programming, Art and Music classes, sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Education Collaborative and the Massachusetts Arts Lottery.)
- Initiated, developed and acquired grant-funding for *Computer Desktop Publishing & Multi-Media Presentations Project* at the high school. (This project provides publishing and presentation services to all departments and administration and staff at the high school

and was sponsored by the Chelmsford High School Improvement Council.)

- Co-initiated and scheduled visitation of high school art department by six professional artists from the *Guangzhou Fine Arts Academy*, in Guangdong Province, Peoples Republic of China.
- Coordinated and acquired grant-funding for *Artist-in-Residence Studio Sculpture Project* at McCarthy Middle School. (A three-day project for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, sponsored by the McCarthy School Improvement Council.)
- Completed *Master's Program in Educational Technology* through Fitchburg State College and the Merrimack Education Center (The Role of Arts Technology in Education).
- Supervised student teacher (Masters in Art Education) from the University of Lowell.

Several items of note for the 1988-89 school year:

- Although the high school has continued to lose art staff (50% in the last two years), thirty-four seniors have enrolled in the Advanced Placement Art Portfolio Class (twice as many as ever before).
- The Art and Music Departments have collaborated to implement the Elementary Computer Project, which utilizes the new "Arts Technologies" to encourage teachers to use computers as an educational productivity tool.
- The high school Art and Social Studies Departments have collaborated to acquire grants from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery and the First Foundation to provide and develop an American Art History slide lecture series for U.S. History and Art Portfolio students. This year's lecturer was former high school art teacher, Paula Brown.
- Byam School art teacher, Dora Bungard, assisted in producing an outstanding student-made school calendar.
- Senior, Amy Buntel, represented her high school in winning the *Boston Globe Scholarship* in the *Scholastic Art Awards Competition*. This is the first time a C.H.S. student has been so honored.

### Scholastic Art

Awards Results:	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
• Participating students	40	55	60	35	33
• Total entries	101	126	167	81	133
• Portfolios submitted	6	9	16	6	13
• Portfolios selected	—	—	2	—	1
• Honorable mentions	5	6	4	2	9
• Gold Keys	6	11	15	9	12
• Blue Ribbons	4	8	6	5	?
• Gold Medals	—	1	—	—	?

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF MUSIC EDUCATION

The Music Department strives to assist students in discovering and developing their musical talents for better understanding and enjoyment of a wide variety of musical styles.

The Harrington School has two part-time music specialists, the Westlands three part-time music specialists. All other elementary schools have one music specialist each, who is responsible for all music education in the building, except for instruction on band and orchestral instruments. Each elementary school has weekly lessons in music with a multi-level performing choral group of approximately 115 students. These schools have recorder concerts, and the use of ORFF instruments in both classroom instruction and public performances. Some schools also have guitar clubs.

General music at the McCarthy is given to all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. General music in these grades is basically designed for non-performing students: for many it is their last formal contact with music education. All McCarthy students have the opportunity to join one of the performing choral groups which number approximately 200 students.

Instrumental music in our schools provides an experience not found in other areas within the Music Department. Instruction in playing orchestral string instruments is offered starting in grade three, and in all band and orchestral instruments from grades four through twelve. Each participating student is offered one small group lesson each week. In addition there is the opportunity to participate in small group and larger ensembles during and after school. The "elementary select orchestra" is made up of the more advanced orchestra students from four of our elementary schools. They rehearse after school on Thursdays. There are approximately 800 students participating in our instrumental music program, grade three through twelve while the choral program totals approximately 900 students.

Instrumental and choral ensembles perform in school and community concerts and programs throughout the school year. McCarthy and High School have the opportunity to audition for the M.M.E.A Northeastern Jr. and Senior District concerts as well as the all-state concert. Several of our secondary school music groups will perform for the A.C.D.A. and M.I.C.A. competitions. This year our high school music students are planning a Canadian concert festival in May. Some of our community concerts include: McCarthy Elderly Luncheon, "Down-Town Crossing" Boston and tours of local nursing homes. Our high school Music Department will present its annual Broadway musical this May. The Music Department will hold its annual band and choral festivals this March while the orchestra festival is scheduled for May.

The Chelmsford Friends of Music, a parental support group, has continued to show their support to the total Music Department. They are responsible for the after school private lesson program. Furthermore, their scholarship program includes: private lesson grants, summer music camp and college scholarships.

Our plans for the future are to continue to update and coordinate the music curriculum with increased sensitivity of modern technology in the field while also keeping with traditional music teaching.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Enrollment in foreign language courses continued to be quite stable. Approximately 63 percent of CHS students studied as foreign language this year, while at McCarthy, enrollment in the 7th and 8th grades was about 53 percent.

At McCarthy, German was not offered, either as a year course or as part of the Exploratory/Reading course. This change was made to reflect the elimination of German from the high school curriculum. We were sorry to end the German program, but fluctuating and often small enrollments over several years, especially at CHS, led to the decision. In the Exploratory course, Italian replaced German as the third language offered during each semester, along with French and Spanish. For the third consecutive year, French students participated in a four-day excursion to Quebec in April.

At CHS, although German was dropped, we did see sufficient increase in the Italian I enrollment to warrant adding an additional section. All levels of the other languages, including Advanced Placement Spanish and French, were also offered. The extra-curricular activities associated with the language department were all active, and exchange groups again went to Tarquinia, Italy; Nancy, France; and Huelva, Spain.

Through a mini-grant provided by the Chelmsford Education Foundation, French teachers were able to access the telecommunications network in France called Minitel. This service provided authentic material which was used to develop a variety of lessons for the French classes. Telecommunications, both internationally and locally, is a valuable teaching resource which we would like to further explore in the coming years.

## FROM THE HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT HEAD

The curriculum of the Home Economics Department is constantly updated to meet the needs of the students in grades 7 through 12 in the skills of daily living.

The Junior High school program is mandatory for both boys and girls and introduces the basics of foods, consumerism, sewing and decision making. Electives at the High School level include Home Economics I, Chef's courses and Independent Living. In conjunction with Community Education, the pre-school at the High School provides a laboratory for the Child Development/parenting classes. Education in quality child care and parenting provides training for students who may be future day care workers and promotes positive parenting skills for families in the future.

The Home Economics Department is working on a five year plan involving the state, the community and the school to provide skills needed for jobs currently available in the local area.

The Home Economics teachers attend workshops and conferences in an effort to keep abreast of the rapidly changing technology in our profession. Three of the Home Economics teachers earned their Master's degree in secondary education in 1988. Unfortunately, two of these teachers are no longer in the system due to reduction in force.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF THE McCARTHY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The McCarthy School currently has an enrollment of approximately 1,150 students in grades six, seven and eight. The teaming approach for instruction is employed at the sixth grade level with four teams of approximately 100 students each. Students in grades seven and eight are departmentalized.

The academic program at McCarthy continues to provide the highest quality of instruction for students of all ability levels. The addition this year of a special projects instructor has expanded the use of our computer lab to 100% utilization.

Several noteworthy achievements have been accomplished by our students and faculty. In the fall of 1988 Mrs. Judith White of our mathematics department received the prestigious President's Award for Excellence in teaching math. Only 49 other teachers were so honored nationwide.

McCarthy students participated successfully in several academic competitions including the Odyssey of the Mind and Knowledge Master programs. Our students were awarded the state championship in the Knowledge Masters program. This year we are pleased to host the New England Region Odyssey of the Mind competition in March 1989. Twenty-eight towns will be represented by 71 teams and 497 students.

The McCarthy School continues to offer a wide range of extra curricular activities for our students. Activities range from the physical to academic. A busy intramural program exists as well as student council activities, chess club, wrestling team, science club, homemakers club, Odyssey of the Mind teams, and many more.

The McCarthy Middle School has an active and involved P.T.O. Our P.T.O. has conducted several fund raising activities such as parent dances, roller skating events and book fairs. Funds raised from these activities are used to support school assemblies and programs such as Child Abuse Prevention Programs, media and theater presentations and a staff appreciation breakfast. We very much value the interest, input and support of our parent's organizations.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF SOCIAL STUDIES, GRADES 6-8

This year, as in others, the Social Studies Department conducted a mock presidential election to coincide with

the actual election that took place on November 8th. All students were taught the elective process as well as the duties and responsibilities of our legislative and executive leaders. Posters were designed: debates, discussions, and speeches were made in all classes. Since all students had preregistered for our school election, each youngster voted by precinct and used actual ballots provided by Mary St. Hilaire, our Town Clerk.

Protect 300, spearheaded by Mr. Dulski of our Social Studies Department, was again a success. All students took part in a National Geography Bee in January. Students from grades 6-7-8 entered the National History Day Contest. The history honors program is in its second year. There is ongoing study this year in order to make a recommendation for an honors class in the seventh grade. A conscious effort is going on to educate students about holidays, and to celebrate them in an appropriate manner i.e. Martin Luther King Day.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF SCIENCE, GRADES 6-8

The major goal of the science curricula, grades six through eight, is to develop in the students the skills of scientific investigation which involves not only measurement and laboratory techniques but also problem-solving situations. To accomplish this goal, the science teachers employ a variety of techniques which involve notetaking along with the keeping of a notebook, audio-visuals, oral exercises, laboratory activities and homework. These techniques are used to develop organizational, listening, thinking and research skills. The sixth grade content involves units in the life, earth and physical sciences as well as health, while the seventh grade curriculum stresses the life sciences and the eighth grade program involves geology, astronomy, meteorology and oceanography.

The science staff has been active this year with 1) workshops in science laboratory safety and the "Rights To Know Law;" 2) the testing of new technology for the classroom, particularly in the areas of computers and T.V. microscopy; and 3) curricular activities, such as revisions in course outlines, development of lab activities and previewing of new materials. As a result of these activities, the science department has purchased a microscopy set-up and is involved with the University of Lowell, as well as schools in Dracut and Germany, in a telecommunication program.

The 1988-89 school year should prove to be a busy one since, along with the regular classwork, teachers will be 1) developing programs for the microscopy set-up; 2) continuing to develop the telecommunication program; and 3) previewing textbooks for replacement of outdated editions. In addition, science safety will continue to be a major emphasis particularly in view of the increased class sizes.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR ENGLISH, GRADES 6-8

McCarthy's English Department began the year with an assembly to celebrate Edgar Allan Poe's birthday. Poe himself (Mel Harold) was present to read excerpts from his works and to share highlights of his life. In preparation for the assembly, students had read works Poe was to perform. Following the program, some classes wrote reviews of the presentation while others wrote letters to Mr. Poe himself; other classes wrote parodies of various Poe works.

In the course of the year, many faculty members attended workshops in various curriculum areas to maintain skills and to explore nuances of change in the language arts area. In addition, the department head presented several workshops in the Merrimack Valley area sharing an oral history project created in conjunction with Sunny Acres Nursing Home and focusing on the cooperative efforts between seventh graders and senior citizens.

The eighth grade honors program completed its first full year. The program's emphasis is on reading and writing. Using the Junior Great Books approach, youngsters read and analyzed the works of classic short story authors and used their reading as the source for much of the composition. One highlight was an interdisciplinary project with the math department; students learned to quantify and plot authors' writing styles. Having plotted the masters' styles, students could then plot their own to find out which author's style theirs most resembled. In addition, youngsters in the class also had a chance to meet and to interview a local author about his writing.

Relative to materials being used, the department has explored a number of new options. Teachers are currently evaluating a new vocabulary program for top level students. Also, a number of grammar series are being piloted at grade 6 as staff faces the need to update texts at that level. Too, eighth grade staff will be evaluating new literature texts to replace out-of-print, worn-out materials currently in inventory. In September a 1988 copyright replaced the eight-year-old spelling series that had been in use. Finally, thanks to a grant through the Boston Herald, newspapers are being provided to supplement the curriculum in many language arts classes.

Many of our youngsters received outstanding recognition for their writing efforts. Last spring McCarthy students placed both second and third in an essay contest sponsored by the Elder Services of the Merrimack; several youngsters also received honorable mention in that contest. This fall McCarthy students placed first and second in the children's class in the Lowell Sun Essay Contest; two eighth graders received honorable mentions in the youth category too. In addition, many youngsters from all grades in the building, have been published in several national publications which feature the works of gifted student writers. The department is also proud of Mrs. Thurlow's efforts in establishing a literary magazine; McCarthy's monthly publication continues to grow in quality and size.

The English Department is also looking to becoming more involved in the use of the computer lab. Classes are scheduled in the lab as are individual youngsters who wish to work on various projects. As more and more programs and equipment become available, increased use will be made for remediation, enrichment, and elementary word processing. In addition, many faculty members have been using the lab's facilities to create materials for use with classes.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF MATHEMATICS, GRADES 6-8

McCarthy Middle School and Massachusetts were well represented in November by Judith White, this state's recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. The award program is administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation and aims to identify and honor outstanding secondary teachers. A \$7,500 National Science Foundation grant to be spent under Mrs. White's direction over a two-year period will be used to enhance mathematics instruction at McCarthy.

The mathematics faculty remains active in local, state, and national professional organizations. Staff members participated in workshops at the fall meeting of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in Massachusetts held at Lesley College. At the Northeastern Regional Conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, teachers attended workshops, heard speakers of national prominence, and examined new teaching materials and texts at commercial exhibits. Also in the fall, Marsha Kelly was a member of an accreditation team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that completed an extensive four day evaluation of the Burncoat Middle School in Worcester.

McCarthy's computer lab has continued to grow. Both equipment and software have been updated. The lab facilities have been utilized by students of all grade levels for a variety of curriculum related activities. Sixth grade students have a scheduled period weekly; seventh and eighth grade students are scheduled by a subject teacher. This year, for the first time, there is a full time staff member in the lab. Parents have continued to provide invaluable assistance as lab aides.

Members of the math department strive not only to meet the needs of all students but also to challenge each individual to fulfill his or her potential. To better achieve this goal, advanced courses in algebra and geometry are offered and seventy-five students are currently participating in these accelerated programs. A student's inclusion in the program is based on standardized test scores, teachers' recommendations, and aptitude test results.

A document entitled *Curriculum and Evaluation Standards for School Mathematics* will soon be released by the

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The updated standards will call for expanding the range of mathematical topics to be studied at middle school level, for increasing the role of the calculator and computer in the classroom, and for emphasizing the learning of mathematics in a problem solving environment. Department members will be reviewing this document and adjusting the present curriculum, if necessary, to incorporate the new guidelines regarding curriculum content and teaching methodology.

## FROM THE DIRECTORS OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCE

The Director of Humanities is responsible for the following areas: kindergarten through grade twelve; language arts, reading, social studies, foreign language, art, music, gifted & talented, Chapter I, readiness and Horace Mann Grants. The Director of Math/Science, Computer Operation & Budget is responsible for the following areas: kindergarten through grade twelve; mathematics; sciences; computer science; health education; physical education; in-service programs for the town and budget.

The directors work in close harmony with the superintendent and the assistant superintendent. They also oversee and work closely with the department heads for the various curriculum areas at the middle schools and high school as well as those department heads who cover curriculum, kindergarten through grade twelve.

### Language Arts Development

In language arts curriculum many changes are taking place. The reading program consists of a tri-basal plan, using Heath, Houghton Mifflin and Scribner in grades 1 through 6. The Electronic Bookshelf enhances the reading program offering opportunities for enrichment and a wide variety of reading. Sustained Silent Reading is alive and well in our elementary and middle schools.

Whole language is an integral part of many classrooms instructional plan. Original material written by children and read by children abound in many classrooms. Journals, big books and poetry are featured throughout the school system. The ability to integrate many curriculum areas is a positive attribute of whole language. The children love reading and writing their own material, it is not only learning but it is also fun.

A new handwriting system has been chosen for use in our schools. Three handwriting systems were piloted and a committee of teachers met throughout the fall and chose Zaner Bloser as the program for our schools. We look forward to its full implementation in September 1989.

Social studies programs have been enriched this year by a variety of field trips to many interesting and historic places.

The grade three curriculum in Chelmsford's schools has been completed and is in use in our classrooms. We have a new historic coloring book for the grade three social studies program, authored by Beverly Koltookian. This book is filled with important facts on our town.

Massachusetts kits are in the process of being completed for grade four curriculum on our State. Videos and books on the state will be included for instruction and enrichment in the in-depth study of Massachusetts.

The kindergarten committee completed its review of the program and philosophy of kindergarten and many exciting changes have occurred in this program.

DIAL R was used in September as our screening device for kindergarten students. In addition there is a booklet on kindergarten available for parents, and an additional booklet for teachers. This was a most informative and productive project.

The primary report card has been revised and was used in November for reporting childrens progress.

Some goals for 1989 are: a review of our Gifted & Talented Program; a review of the intermediate report card, and a review of the language arts curriculum grades 1 through 8.

### From the Director of Sciences

The mathematics and science programs in the Chelmsford Schools continue to provide students with the strong technical background they will need as they enter the twenty-first century.

During the past year, a great emphasis has been placed on integrating the computer into the mathematics and science curriculums. This is especially true at the high school, where we have set up a small computer lab in the science area that is being used by students in a variety of courses. The computer is also being used extensively at the McCarthy and the High School as part of the writing program. For the first time, we are using the computer in the art and music areas. Our new Apple //GS computers have opened a whole new world of activities for our art and music students. The computer is opening new curriculum avenues for us every day, hopefully, we will be able to keep pace with the ever advancing technologies.

The results of the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Testing Program showed that Chelmsford students in grades 4, 8 and 12 continue to score well above the state average and are competitive with students from similar schools. In addition to the Assessment results, we are extremely pleased with our SAT mathematics result. Our average score was over 500 which is more than 30 points above the national average.

It has been a busy and productive year, and we look forward to continued progress in 1989.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER I

Chapter I is the bedrock on which federal aid to elementary schools has been built. Chapter I grants are given to school systems who qualify, and are focused on low-achieving disadvantaged students. These programs have been very successful nationwide and also in Chelmsford.

The project proposal was written by the Director of Humanities and Chapter I Director, sent to the State Department of Education, approved, and has been once again implemented in the town. This is year one of a new three year project.

Since 1975, Chapter I has been an integral part of the school system. Students are instructed in reading and math at the Harrington School (grades 1-2), the Parker School (grades 3-5), and the Westlands School (grades 1-5) and the McCarthy School (grade 6). The Chapter I Math Program is new this year at the McCarthy School.

Chapter I teachers work in small groups and strive to supplement and enhance classroom instruction. A very dedicated staff, well planned curriculum and cooperation with the classroom teacher and parents make the Chapter I project in Chelmsford a very successful venture.

## FROM THE RESOURCE INSTRUCTOR FOR GIFTED/TALENTED

The Enrichment Program of Chelmsford (EPOCH) is presently in its seventh year and services those students who seem to need extended enrichment as part of their total school experience.

Because of financial constraints, the program was cut back considerably this year. Presently we have one instructor instead of three as we had in the past. Grades 3 and 4 are serviced.

The two grades receiving services follow the established program model with a great deal of emphasis on thinking skills and advanced research skills. Each student is expected to do an in-depth study on a topic of interest sometime during the year.

A pilot project is being carried out with one fourth grade class using the ODYSSEY OF THE MIND program. This is a creative problem-solving experience in which the students compete in a regional competition with other students from their own geographical area.

Teachers are serviced through consultation with the Resource Instructor and by being provided with a comprehensive listing of Lending Library Curriculum Resource Materials from which they can make requests.

EPOCH strives to provide for those students who can benefit from extended enrichment and to service teachers who work with these students.

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

It was a busy and productive year for the school libraries and Cable 43.

	Elementary	Middle	High
Total circulation	110,330	17,538	10,125
Number of books checked out per student	53	14	5
Average daily circulation	613	103	56
Total books purchased	1,924	780	660
Total books withdrawn*	50	140	40
Number of class visits	All classes once per week	180	539
Student Aides		14	10
Adult Volunteers	50	1	0

Several activities took place in the high school library. Workshops in online data base searches were conducted for 12 faculty members and 200 students. Some 6th grade students from the EPOCH program learned about high school library resources during a 10-week period. High school and EPOCH students took a field trip to the Statehouse for Kids and Computers Day to demonstrate to legislators what students are doing with computers. School and Library Media Month was promoted and a 10th grade entry won honorable mention in the statewide contest. Students used MacIntosh computers for publishing the Voice, a student newspaper, and Mosaics, a literary magazine. The computers were purchased with funds from the School Improvement Council.

The NewsBank service was added to the middle school library along with a microfiche reader to increase student research skills. The microfiche reader was purchased with proceeds from the previous year's book fair. Some classes visited the library to use the Electronic Book Shelf program on the new Apple II E computer which came with a printer; this program will expand to other classes.

There was much excitement about reading in the elementary schools. The Parents as Reading Partners was well received in all of the elementary schools. Parents and children reported reading together 154,000 times during the 8 months of the program. Calendars were sent home each month for parents and children to mark off the days they read together. PTO members tallied responses and distributed awards. Other special events included Read a T-Shirt Day, a Community Read-In, and a Ball of Yarn Day. Jim Trelease spoke at an evening session for parents and teachers. Illustrator Erik Ingraham spoke to second graders from Harrington, South Row and Westlands. All elementary schools are participating in the Electronic Bookshelf program; additional books are needed in this program to keep pace with the heavy demand. Class instruction continued to take place in all schools; index use and subject access skills were introduced as a base for building on computer searching.

Over 3,557 audio visual items were checked out from the Instructional Media Center during the school year. The breakdown included: 1,411 16mm films; 1,406 video tapes; 664 sound filmstrips; 43 filmstrips; 26 audio cassettes; 7 records.

Our audio visual technician routinely repaired and maintained equipment, checked 980 pieces of equipment during the end of the year inspection and assisted the staff at Cable 43 when needed. Our graphic artist continued to produce a variety of audio visual materials for staff throughout the system, to train student volunteers, and to work with students in developing class projects. He experimented with computer graphics future assignments. Over 3,161 were catalogued by the cataloging department. The department participated in a complete book inventory at the Byam Elementary School and was able to do a partial inventory at the McCarthy school library.

Cable 43 received a first-place award for the documentary "Mill Girls" at the Massachusetts Community Television Contest. Cable 43 also held its first open golf tournament. This successful activity raised approximately \$4,000.

In addition to producing educational and community programs and training students, staff and public access people, the Cable 43 staff continued its involvement with distance learning. The boundaries of 2-way interactive television were extended beyond Chelmsford and the University of Lowell's Instructional Network into Concord. With a Chapter 188 technology grant and approval for the use of channel 42 by the Board of Selectmen. Advanced Calculus and Speech were transmitted by Chelmsford and Concord High Schools, respectively. Speech was substituted for Russian due to equipment delays. The system was debugged with help from many people at several sites.

Artists visited Chelmsford from the Guandong Province of the Peoples Republic of China; plans are being explored to set up a telecommunications exchange with the Guangdong Department of Education.

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Massachusetts' Chapter 766 and the Federal Government's Public Law 94-142, the Education of Handicapped Children Act, were enacted to assure that all handicapped children have a free and appropriate education to be provided by the local community.

The Special Education Department in Chelmsford is responsible for providing effective programs and services for children, ages three through twenty-one, who are found to have special needs. Part of this responsibility is to assure that each handicapped student receives an education designed to meet his or her unique learning needs and to receive these services in the least restrictive environment.

As of December 1, 1988 the Special Education Department had 826 students registered to receive special education services which represents 15.7 percent of Chelmsford's total school enrollment. A staff of seventy special education personnel develop and implement the individualized educational plans for these students. For those students with severe learning and/or emotional needs, Chelmsford

provides for placement in private day or residential schools as approved by the State Department of Education.

For the 1988-1989 school year, the Chelmsford Special Education Department has a budget of \$2,925,081, of which 219,582 is provided through grants by the federal government.

Programs are continually being refined and expanded to meet the diverse and unique needs of the students. The Special Education Department in partnership with the Community Education Department has expanded the Early Childhood Program to serve the increasing number of children requiring early intervention. The high school special education program continues to work with the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative in providing students with pre-vocational and vocational programs to better prepare them for future employment and/or vocational education.

Computer technology is an integral part of the Special Education instructional program. Staff is continually reviewing appropriate software and learning about the use of computers with special needs students.

The Chelmsford Special Education Parent Advisory Council, whose purpose is to study and make recommendations to the school department in areas of special education and to facilitate communication within the community regarding special education, has been very active. They have presented many programs for parents and have implemented community programs such as in the area of recreation and after school programs.

The Merrimack Special Education Collaborative, in which Chelmsford participates, continues to provide effective and cost-efficient programs for children with low-incidence disabilities. Classes, held in Dracut and Tewksbury, service the needs of children from Chelmsford, Billerica, Dracut, Groton, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro and Westford. For the 1988-89 school year the Collaborative developed the Merrimack School, servicing adolescent students with social/emotional needs, who require a special setting to profit from their educational program.

The Special Education Department, along with the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative, continues to provide pre-vocational and vocational programs through the Center for Occupational Awareness and Placement (Project C.O.A.P.). As a result, many students have been successfully placed in field training sites and subsequently enter into full-time employment.

The Special Needs Service Booklet, describing the Chapter 766 process and services provided by the school department, is available at the McKay and Adams Libraries and at the Special Education Office.

The Special Education Department will continue its quest to provide effective and cost efficient programs and services for the children we serve.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION

During the 1987-1988 school year a comprehensive review of the Community Education Department was done by the Superintendent of Schools. Community Education Programs were found to have a positive impact and will continue to run on a self-supporting basis.

Adult Education evening programs with approximately 3,000 students taking special interest courses and University level classes through Middlesex Community College and Northeastern University are held at Chelmsford High School. A K-12 Summer School program which enrolls an additional 600 students is held during July and August.

The School Age Extended Day Program has continued to grow and now has grade K-2 students at Harrington School and grade 3-6 students at Parker. Operating 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on school days as well as snow and school vacation days, this program meets the needs of 250 students and their families. It is expected that this program will continue to grow.

Community Education also schedules the outside use of our school facilities. In an attempt to be more cost effective the School Committee increased building rental fees effective July 1988.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE, K-12

The Guidance Counseling Program in all Chelmsford Public Schools provides comprehensive services that are grouped into five functions: (1) Personal Counseling; (2) Education and Career Counseling; (3) Consultation; (4) Appraisal and (5) Referral. All five functions begin at the elementary level and continue through middle to high school. The performance of a particular counseling function varies from the elementary to the secondary level, but the function itself remains continuous throughout the school years.

In order to carry out these five functions effectively, the Guidance Department is staffed by six guidance counselors and 3½ support personnel at the high school; three

guidance counselors and one crisis counselor at the middle school and one guidance counselor in each of the elementary schools.

### • Post Secondary Education Placements

In 1988, there were 532 graduates. Of those graduates, 441 went on to post-secondary education which represents 83%.

4 year colleges	374	70%
2 year colleges	57	(11%)
technical schools	10	(2%)
Total Post-Secondary	441	(83%)

In terms of non-educational placements, 64 students (12%) elected employment and 21 students (4%) joined the military.

### • Advanced Placement Program:

In May of 1988, 120 students took 201 Advanced Placement examinations at Chelmsford High School with 85.6% of the grades falling in the 3-5 range. The program grades on a five-point college-level scale:

5 — extremely well qualified
4 — well qualified
3 — qualified
2 — possibly qualified
1 — no recommendation

Generally, AP grades of 4 and 5 are comparable to college grades of A and grades of 3 and 2 most comparable to college grades of B and C respectively. Many colleges will award a third to a full year of placement and credit to successful AP candidates.

### • Drop Out Rate:

The drop out rate at Chelmsford High School continues to be low. During the 1987-88 academic year, CHS had a total student enrollment of 1889. The number of drop outs was 41, which represents a drop out rate of 2.2%.

ACADEMIC YEAR 1987-88		Req. To	Voluntary	
		Employment	Withdrawal	Total
Grades 9-12	Boys	7	13	22
	Girls	2	17	19
	Total	9	30	41



### • CHS Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores (SAT)

Chelmsford High School average scores for the Class of 1988 continue to be higher than the average Massachusetts and National scores.

In the verbal area, Chelmsford scored 455 which is 23 points higher than the State average (432) and 27 points higher than the National average (428). It should be noted that in the verbal area, the State average fell 3 points from 435 in 1987 to 432 in 1988. The National average also fell 2 points from 430 in 1987 to 428 in 1988.

In the math area, Chelmsford scored 510 which is 36 points higher than the State average (474) and 34 points higher than the National average (476). It should be noted that in the math area, the State and National averages remained the same for 1988 and 1987: State average 474; the National average 476.

### • State Basic Skills Tests Gr. 3, 6, 9

The State of Massachusetts, Dept. of Education, requires every public school to test all students at Gr. 3, 6 and 9 annually. The purpose of the Basic Skills Testing Program is "to identify students who have not achieved mastery of basic skills in reading, writing and mathematics."

	Passing Rate	Failure Rate
Gr. 9 Reading	97%	3%
CHS Math	98%	2%
Writing	97%	2%
		(1% unknown)
Gr. 6 Reading	91%	9%
McC Math	96%	4%
Writing	97%	3%
Gr. 3 Reading	98%	3%
System Math	97%	3%
Writing	95%	4%
		(1% unknown)

### • State Education Assessment Program—Gr. 4, 8, 12

The State of Massachusetts, Dept. of Education, requires every public school to test all students in Gr. 4, 8, 12 every other years. The purpose of the Assessment Testing Program is to measure the effectiveness of curriculum and not student progress. Test scores are compared to a State average. Scores range from 1000 to 1600 with the State average being 1300.

	Average State	Test Score School
Gr. 12 Reading	1300	1400
CHS Math	1300	1410
Science	1300	1400
Soc. Stud.	1300	1400
Gr. 8 Reading	1300	1360
McC Math	1300	1380
Science	1300	1360
Soc. Stud.	1300	1380
Gr. 4 Reading	1300	1380
System Math	1300	1400
Science	1300	1380
Soc. Stud.	1300	1380

### • Achievement Tests Results Gr. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Chelmsford Public Schools utilize the Metropolitan Achievement Tests (MAT6) to measure individual student growth by defining strengths and weaknesses within several academic areas. Results are being reported in National Percentiles since percentile ranks indicate the relative standing of a pupil or group in comparison with other pupils of the same grade who took the test at a comparable time throughout the nation. For example, a score of 79%tile would mean that our students did better than 79% of the students who took this test throughout the nation.

<b>Grade 2</b>		<b>Grade 4</b>	
Reading	68%tile	Reading	79%tile
Language	65%tile	Language	73%tile
Math	59%tile	Math	69%tile
Science	64%tile	Science	73%tile
Social St.	65%tile	Social St.	70%tile
<b>Grade 6</b>		<b>Grade 8</b>	
Reading	77%tile	Reading	75%tile
Language	70%tile	Language	70%tile
Math	68%tile	Math	71%tile
Science	67%tile	Science	70%tile
Social St.	66%tile	Social St.	70%tile
<b>Grade 10</b>			
Reading	68%tile		
Language	60%tile		
Math	71%tile		
Science	67%tile		
Social St.	72%tile		

- **Chelmsford High School Career Center 1988**

The CHS Career Center continues to be a model program of vocational, occupational and college information distribution. The Center is supplied with the most recent materials available in computerized and non-computerized fashion. Additionally, college representatives, military personnel and industry liaison are scheduled frequently in the Career Center to meet with interested students. The Career Center is staffed by three highly efficient support personnel always ready to assist students, their parents, and the community at large.

- **Chelmsford High School Job Fair:**

On May 4, 1988, personnel representatives from over twenty-five area companies participated in the annual Job Fair. Students had the opportunity to speak to personnel representatives and interview for job openings in a diverse group of businesses and industries. The response from companies and students was enthusiastic and positive.

- **Federally Funded Occupational Education Projects:**

Chelmsford High School again received federal funds for several projects in collaboration with the Business and Guidance Departments. In the third year of the Specialized Training for Placement in Industry Project, students received special training and instruction in keyboarding skills and office procedures using a variety of computer equipment and software.

Another successful federally-funded project was Computer Applications for Handicapped and Disadvantaged students. Staffed by a Support Teacher, students were given hands-on computer training in a variety of business applications software programs and computer literacy skills.

Students seeking part-time, permanent and summer employment were assisted in job placement. Over 300 students were placed in part-time employment, while 78% of non-college bound seniors seeking permanent employment found jobs through the placement office.

- **Chelmsford High School Service Study Program**

Approximately 200 students enroll in the Service Study and Career Exploration programs each year and provide services to the schools and the town.

The Service Study Program is a voluntary elective designed to combine the students academic studies with practical experience as they use their free time to pursue an area similar to their chosen field. Many students are interested in working in various special needs programs while others prefer working with our athletic trainer.

The Career Exploration Program gives an opportunity to all students to supplement their schedule by volunteering to work as an assistant in our offices, library, science lab, Graphic Arts Department, and the Cable 43 television studio.

Flexible scheduling allows the interested students to participate in the area of their choice, and credit for the elective(s) is given on the basis of performance, attendance, and the time that is volunteered.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DATA PROCESSING

Since 1981, when the School Department started its own in-house computerization effort, all major school business related applications have been automated on our computer systems. These systems include a DEC 11/44, VAX 750, and various microcomputers. In-house staff now maintain all data bases on students, accounting, personnel, census, scheduling, attendance, report cards and a plethora of other applications.

The Town Clerk's Office and the school computer facility continue to work as a team in the maintenance of town citizen data on the school computer system. The town Clerk's Office provides the staff needed to update and maintain the records, while the school computer staff provides the resources and technical expertise. The town census, Lists of Residents Book, voter registration lists, precinct reports, name and address labels, dog registers, school department enrollment data, jury lists, and jury tapes are all processed on the school computer.

Other town departments serviced in some way by the school computer include: Council on Aging, Town Candidates for Office, Town Library, Selectmen's School Warrant Report, Community Education, PTA, Booster Club, Nashoba Valley Technical Vocational School, Police Department, Commission on Handicapped and Planning Board.

Future involvements will include networking computers, data communications and telecommunications. Technical obstacles to these formidable endeavors are being evaluated and have the potential to significantly increase the productivity of the schools.

### IN CONCLUSION:

We are coming to the end of a decade that experienced a period of exceedingly rapid change in education. We will soon begin a decade in which the pace of change undoubtedly will increase. If we are to survive and provide the necessary tools for our youth to compete we will need to be alert and responsive to the new demands.

The School Committee will continue to provide the direction of our school system by continuing to effect budget economics while maintaining a quality educational system. In an attempt to answer the needs of the community, the School Committee will conduct a townwide goals survey during the next calendar year. Hopefully, the results

will provide an indication of where the community desires the school system to place an emphasis. The School Committee recognizes that a school system is measured both qualitatively and quantitatively as it reflects the needs of the community and its values. Given the wealth of human resources of our staff parents, community at large and students, we are confident that Chelmsford has the talent and the will to meet the challenge of the nineties.

Sincere thanks once again are extended to the town officials and boards, to the school personnel, to the Parent Teacher Organization, to the School Improvement Councils, to advisory study committees, school volunteers, and to the citizens for their cooperation and assistance this past year.

#### **Retired:**

George Simonian, Principal, Chelmsford High School  
 Donald Boucher, Dean, Chelmsford High School  
 Vera Wolnik, Secretary, Chelmsford High School  
 Dorothy Rostron, Teacher, South Row School  
 Patricia Dion, Teacher, Westlands School  
 Dorothy Q. McDonald, Teacher, McCarthy Middle School  
 Ann Chicklis, Teacher, Harrington School  
 Arthur Kinney, Custodian, McCarthy Middle School  
 Elias McCormack, Custodian, Chelmsford High School  
 Mary St. Onge, Matron, Chelmsford High School  
 Francis E. Heroux, Maintenance  
 Evaline McPhillip, Chelmsford Food Service  
 Rose Ann Higgins, Chelmsford Food Service  
 Eleanor Delmore, Chelmsford Food Service

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

The community and the school department were grieved by the deaths of the principal of the Parker School, a teacher from the Westlands School, and a member of the Maintenance Department. These fine people were loved and respected by everyone. They will long be remembered for their dedicated service to the school system and their devotion to the children of the town of Chelmsford.

James Doyle, Principal, Parker School  
 Karen Nolin, Teacher, Westlands School  
 Arthur (Red) Gervais, Maintenance Dept.

## CHELMSFORD SEWER COMMISSION



Barry B. Balan, Vice Chairman; John P. Emerson, Jr., Chairman; Robert P. Joyce, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSION

Construction of the Phase IA and IB sewer programs continued at the beginning of 1988 with six (6) sewer contracts fully underway. By year's end, eleven (11) sewer contracts were in various stages of completion placing the Town of Chelmsford a major step closer to the reality of a totally functional wastewater collection system. The Phase IA program, or North Chelmsford sewers, reached a completion percentage of 85% by December 31, 1988. This area should anticipate program completion by mid-April, 1989. At that time, residents will be allowed to connect individual buildings to the North Chelmsford collection system, upon the completion of the Southwell Field Pumping Station.

The year 1989 shall constitute sewer work concentrated in the Chelmsford Center area (Phase IB and IIA). As the residents of North Chelmsford go "on-line", the Center area residents will see sewer construction work continue such that residential hook-ups can take place as early as August, 1989.

Staffing requirements will increase in 1989 as operations and maintenance of functioning sewerage facilities will be necessary. The Commission is presently reviewing the credentials of candidates to fill the managerial post of a full-time sewer system Superintendent and a full-time sewer maintenance person. Additional full-time clerical assistance

will be required to assist in processing betterment assessments, sewer connection permits, and user charge billing.

The Sewer Commission membership also underwent a change in 1988, with the resignation of Jean R. Organ, who had served the Town as Sewer Commission clerk and member for the past ten (10) years. In September, 1988 Robert P. Joyce was appointed to serve on the Commission, at which time he became immediately instrumental in the acquisition of computer hardware and software to be purchased by the Commission.

Currently, the Commission is actively pursuing new available funding for future phases and hopes to be as successful in 1989 as in 1988 when over \$3,700,000 of federal and state—assisted funds were received.

The Commission views 1989 with great optimism. The Election and Town Meeting in the Spring of 1989 will contain important ballot questions and warrant articles, respectively to address the need for future construction in identified needs areas. At that time, voters will determine the future of the Town's overall sewer program.

As a review of 1988, the Chelmsford Sewer Commission and the Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District offer the following progress report on sewer and pumping station construction contracts:

### NORTH CHELMSFORD

Project Name (Contract No.)	Contractor	Start/Finish Date	Total Cost	Grant Funding	Percent Completion 1-1-88/12-31-88
Southwell Field Pump Station (85-1)	P. Gioioso & Sons	1-88/4-89	\$2,468,999	\$1,602,000	2.7% 65.6%
N. Chelmsford Interceptor (85-2)	P. Gioioso & Sons	6-87/2-89	\$3,838,000	\$2,445,000	53.3%/90.3%
N. Chelmsford Laterals (85-3)	Andreassi Bros.	4-87/6-88	\$1,515,000	\$757,000	56.8%/92.8%
N. Chelmsford Laterals (85-4)	P. Gioioso & Sons	4-87/6-88	\$1,444,000	\$605,000	75.4%/95.6%
N. Chelmsford Laterals (85-5)	Albanese Bros.	6-87/1-89	\$2,253,000	\$1,161,000	56.6%/93.6%

## CHELMSFORD CENTER

Project Name (Contract No.)	Contractor	Start/Finish Date	Total Cost	Grant Funding	Percent Completion 1-1-88/12-31-88
Katrina Road Pump Station (86-1)	P. Gioioso & Sons	7-88/9-89	\$2,412,000	\$1,637,000	0%/34.3%
Chelmsford Ctr. Laterals (86-2)	D & C Const.	10-88/10-89	\$4,686,000	\$3,021,000	0%/12%
Chelmsford Ctr. Laterals (86-3)	D & C Const.	10-88/10-89	\$4,015,000	\$1,400,000	0%/15%
Richardson Rd. Area Laterals (88-1)	P. Gioioso & Sons	6-88/11-88	\$1,176,000	\$ 0	0%/100%

## CHELMSFORD CENTER INDUSTRIAL SEWER DISTRICT (CCISD)

Project Name (Contract No.)	Contractor	Start/Finish Date	Total Cost	Grant Funding	Percent Completion 1-1-88/12-31-88
CCISD Laterals (IND 86-1)	D & C Const.	10-87/11-88	\$3,562,000	\$1,290,000	21%/100%
CCISD Laterals (IND 87-1)	Middlesex Corp.	10-87/6-88	\$175,000	\$ 67,000	90%/100%

The Commission also advertised three (3) sewer contracts during the year with the following results:

Contract	Bid Opening Date	Successful Bidding Contractor	Contract Amount
88-1	May 26, 1988	P. Gioioso & Sons	\$ 833,484
86-3	Sept. 14, 1988	P. Gioioso & Sons	\$2,660,975
86-2	Sept. 20, 1988	D & C Construction	\$3,344,858

As with previous bid openings, 1988 bidding proved to be competitive. The three (3) contracts advertised averaged eleven (11) contractors per sewer contract. The competitiveness yielded a benefit in the form of cost savings approximately \$1,400,000 below the engineer's estimate.

The Commission anticipates the new year will bring further progress to provide a wastewater collection system that will meet the environmental requirements of the Town of Chelmsford and protect our drinking water supplies. Sewer contracts to service the Kensington Drive and Golden Cove Road areas will be advertised for bids in early 1989. The Commission will continue to administer these projects by maximizing the construction grant funding programs in conjunction with those funds appropriated by the community.

The Sewer Commission has also embarked on a Town Wide Drainage Facilities Plan to identify and analyze and alleviate specific drainage problems throughout the Town. Specific recommendations on drainage improvements in the Deep Brook Drainage Basin are anticipated in early 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

CHELMSFORD SEWER COMMISSION  
John P. Emerson, Jr., Chairman  
Barry B. Balan, Vice Chairman  
Robert P. Joyce, Clerk

## OFFICE OF THE TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR

### DEPT. MEMBERS:

James R. Doukszewicz, Treasurer-Tax Collector  
 Florence M. Ramsay, Asst. Treasurer  
 Margaret M. Mullen, Dept. Asst. to Tax Collector  
 Lorraine D. Parkhurst, Payroll Co-ordinator  
 Bettie A. Osborne, Senior Clerk, Accts. Receivable  
 & Accts. Payable  
 Donna M. Rogers, Senior Clerk, Part-time, Data Processing  
 Functions  
 Judith Olsson, Senior Clerk, Part-time, Municipal Lien  
 Certificates

Balance of funds as of 7-1-87	\$ 9,006,523.00*
Receipts through 6-30-88	76,580,631.00
Paid out on warrants	(75,226,509.00)
Fund Balance as of 6-30-88	\$10,360,645.00
<b>Breakdown of Fund Balance as of 6-30-88:</b>	
Cash in banks	3,418,877.00**
Misc. Trust Funds	1,218,466.00
Special Revenue Funds	2,328,554.00***
Capital Projects Funds	3,394,748.00****
Total	\$10,360,645.00

\* includes trust funds in custody of Treasurer & Trustees

\*\* includes money market, repo, checking, and compensating balance funds derived from taxes

\*\*\* funds on hand & in banks from sources other than tax receipts

\*\*\*\* funds on hand & in banks from bond sales and temporary note sales that are awaiting expenditure—largely due to ongoing sewer project.

### NOTES:

The year nineteen hundred and eighty-eight (1988) saw the transition of the medical insurance functions take place, with the Board of Selectmen having placed these functions under the jurisdiction of the Veterans Dept. This enabled my office to re-open on Wednesdays, effective January of 1989, and it enabled me to rehire some seasonal help for peak (tax rush) periods. This will save manpower hours allotted in compensatory time off due to existing staff having been used at peak periods without funds to pay them for their efforts.

Bond sales occurred in August of 1988 for Capital Projects approved at the Annual Town Meeting of 1987. Sewer bonds were also sold in January of 1988 for \$5,000,000.00 of costs realized from the payment of bills for sewer pumping stations and lateral sewer constructions.

Temporary borrowings to meet the costs of operations were conducted on two occasions for a total of \$8,000,000.00. The tax receipts from estimated bills issued in the fall of 1988 were lower than normal due to the fact that the Town cannot bill on an estimated basis for any

amount in excess of 40-45% of the prior year's taxes. This made the second borrowing to cover operational costs higher than what could have been the case had regular tax bills been issued rather than estimated tax bills.

The spring of 1989 revenues will be far greater than those of the fall of 1988 due to the new tax rate and new assessed valuations having been applied to all properties taxation.

The exempted costs of the sewer project are raised over and above the constraints of Prop. 2½, and this will increase the taxation amounts paid by property owners in Chelmsford starting with the spring of 1989 tax bills.

Revenues from sewer tie-ins and betterment assessments will reduce the amount of additional taxation to be paid by the taxpayers of Chelmsford for sewer construction work once they are received.

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Town Accountant

Ernest F. Day

### Board of Selectmen Executive Secretary

Bernard F. Lynch

### Town Counsel

James M. Harrington

### Police Chief

Raymond P. McKeon

### Deputy Police Chiefs

Pennryn D. Fitts, James C. Greska

### Fire Chief

Robert L. Hughes

### Deputy Fire Chief

Charles Galloway, James A. Sousa

### Cemetery Superintendent

Frank R. Peterson

### Park Superintendent

Donald P. Gray

### Director of Public Health

Richard J. Day

### Assistant Director of Public Health

John P. Emerson, Jr.

### Board of Health Physician

Michael J. Dean, M.D.

### Town Nurse

Judith Dunigan

**Town Engineer**  
James E. Pearson, P.E.

**Assistant Town Engineer**  
Anthony Ma

**Superintendent of Streets**  
Michael A. Crory

**Inspector of Animals**  
Dr. Martin A. Gruber

**Building Inspector**  
Anthony Zagzoug

**Wiring Inspector**  
Francis E. Cunningham

**Gas Inspector**  
Neal C. Stanley

**Local Inspector**  
Milton H. Kinney, Jr.

**Plumbing Inspector**  
William H. Shedd

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**  
Anthony C. Ferreira

**Council on Aging Director**  
Martin J. Walsh

**Superintendent of Public Buildings**  
Robert Deletetsky

**Veterans' Agent**  
Mary K. McAuliffe

**Dog Officer**  
Franklin Warren

**Insect Pest Control Officer**  
Richard J. Day

**Hazardous Waste Coordinator**  
Richard J. Day

**Assistant Town Clerk**  
Elizabeth L. Delaney

**Assistant Treasurer**  
Florence Ramsay

**Assistant Town Accountant**  
Mary Villare

**Administrative Assistant to Executive Secretary**  
Judith E. Carter

**Board of Selectmen's Clerk**  
Beth A. Cutrumbes  
Marian D. Currier

**Administrative Assistant to Assessors**  
Nancy L. Maher

**Sewer Department Assistant**  
Evelyn L. Newman

**Sewer De-artment Clerk**  
Jacqueline A. Sheehy

**Planning Board Clerk**  
Joan Pare

**Board of Appeals/Conservation Clerk**  
Marjorie Hennessy

**Recreation Commission Clerk**  
Lorraine Murphy

**Finance Committee Clerk**  
Susan Olsen

**Personnel Board Clerk**  
Louise Beauchesne

**Rent Control Board Clerk**  
Elizabeth Kopicko

**Historic District Commission Clerk**  
Mary Caffelle



**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET—ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP**  
**JUNE 30, 1988**

ASSETS:	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTAL (MEMORAN- DUM) ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AND AGENCY	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	
Cash and Temporary Investments	\$3,418,877	\$2,328,554	\$ 3,394,748	\$1,218,466	—	\$10,360,645
Property Taxes Receivable:						
Current Year	824,090	—	—	—	—	824,090
Prior Years	110,256	—	—	—	—	110,256
Accounts Receivable:						
Intergovernmental:						
Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District	185,673	—	—	—	—	185,673
Other Accounts Receivable:						
Motor Vehicle Excise:						
Current Year	553,459	—	—	—	—	553,459
Prior Years	108,583	—	—	—	—	108,583
Farm Animal Excise	406	—	—	—	—	406
Tax Title	9,825	—	—	—	—	9,825
Tax Foreclosures	29,312	—	—	—	—	29,312
Departmental	3,684	—	—	54,051	—	57,735
DEF Tax CH59 CL41A	62,863	—	—	—	—	62,863
Due from (to) Other Funds	( 8,153)	( 11,050)	—	19,203	—	—
Amount to be Provided for Payment of Notes	—	—	8,003,481	—	—	8,003,481
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt	—	—	—	—	8,965,000	8,965,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,298,875</b>	<b>\$2,317,504</b>	<b>\$11,398,229</b>	<b>\$1,291,720</b>	<b>\$8,965,000</b>	<b>\$29,271,328</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 618,530	\$ 89,653	\$ 19,900	—	—	\$ 728,083
Payroll Withholdings	321,715	—	—	—	—	321,715
Other Liabilities	51,034	—	—	—	—	51,034
Deferred Revenue	1,373,012	—	—	54,051	—	1,427,063
Reserve for Abatements and Exemptions	219,618	—	—	—	—	219,618
Notes Payable	—	—	8,003,481	—	—	8,003,481
Bonds Payable	—	—	—	8,965,000	8,965,000	8,965,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,583,909</b>	<b>89,653</b>	<b>8,023,381</b>	<b>54,051</b>	<b>8,965,000</b>	<b>19,715,994</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY:</b>						
Reserved:						
Encumbrances	796,575	—	—	—	—	796,575
Appropriation Deficit	( 214,825)	—	—	—	—	( 214,825)
Over Assessments	13,048	—	—	—	—	13,048
Endowments	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unreserved:						
Designated	654,613	2,227,851	3,374,848	1,237,669	—	7,494,981
Undesignated	1,465,555	—	—	—	—	1,465,555
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>2,714,966</b>	<b>2,227,851</b>	<b>3,374,848</b>	<b>1,237,669</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,555,334</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$5,298,875</b>	<b>\$2,317,504</b>	<b>\$11,398,229</b>	<b>\$1,291,720</b>	<b>\$8,965,000</b>	<b>\$29,271,328</b>

**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND TRUST & AGENCY FUNDS**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1988**

REVENUES:	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST AND AGENCY	(COMBINED MEMORANDUM ONLY)
Property Taxes	\$23,330,129	—	—	—	\$23,330,129
Intergovernmental	9,821,719	4,486,209	—	—	14,307,928
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	1,959,576	—	—	—	1,959,576
Investment Income	359,879	17,789	—	100,217	477,885
Departmental	1,466,617	1,645,701	—	647,859	3,760,177
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>36,937,920</b>	<b>6,149,699</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>748,076</b>	<b>43,835,695</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
General Government	4,015,803	58,071	111,076	872,646	5,057,596
Public Safety	5,425,111	64,950	560,635	569,034	6,619,730
Education	20,603,266	2,026,039	755,559	—	23,384,864
Public Works	1,883,771	102,275	634,700	—	2,620,746
Culture and Recreation	792,460	194,404	73,612	—	1,060,476
Health and Sanitation	1,455,117	2,043,560	7,366,488	—	10,865,165
Human Services	448,756	34,588	19,753	230	503,327
Maturing Debt and Interest	1,431,404	—	—	—	1,431,404
State and County Assessment	506,856	—	—	—	506,856
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>36,562,544</b>	<b>4,523,887</b>	<b>9,521,823</b>	<b>1,441,910</b>	<b>52,050,164</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>375,376</b>	<b>1,625,812</b>	<b>( 9,521,823)</b>	<b>( 693,834)</b>	<b>( 8,214,469)</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
Bond Proceeds	—	—	9,507,067	—	9,507,067
Operating Transfers In	582,969	11,799	3,520	801,470	1,399,758
Operating Transfers Out	( 816,789)	( 360,103)	—	( 222,866)	( 1,399,758)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>( 233,820)</b>	<b>( 348,304)</b>	<b>9,510,587</b>	<b>578,604</b>	<b>9,507,067</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>141,556</b>	<b>1,277,508</b>	<b>( 11,236)</b>	<b>( 115,230)</b>	<b>1,292,598</b>
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	2,573,410	950,343	3,386,084	1,352,899	8,262,736
Fund Balance at End of Year	<b>\$2,714,966</b>	<b>\$2,227,851</b>	<b>\$3,374,848</b>	<b>\$1,237,669</b>	<b>\$9,555,334</b>

**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1988**

	UNCOLLECTED TAXES JULY 1, 1987	COMMITMENTS	LESS ABATEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS	LESS TRANSFERS TO TAX TITLE	LESS NET COLLECTIONS	UNCOLLECTED TAXES JUNE 30, 1988
<b>Real Estate</b>						
1988	—	\$23,078,395	\$234,587	—	\$22,032,948	\$810,860
1987	733,861	—	3,582	24,899	618,749	86,631
1986	87,019	—	11,090	—	59,937	15,992
	<u>820,880</u>	<u>23,078,395</u>	<u>249,259</u>	<u>24,899</u>	<u>22,711,634</u>	<u>913,483</u>
<b>Personal Property</b>						
1988	—	520,430	4,183	—	503,017	13,230
1987	14,782	—	10,180	—	( 1,108)	5,710
1986	8,421	—	7,308	—	( 810)	1,923
1985	3,505	—	—	—	3,505	—
1984	3,387	—	—	—	3,387	—
	<u>30,095</u>	<u>520,430</u>	<u>21,671</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>507,991</u>	<u>20,863</u>
	<u>\$850,975</u>	<u>\$23,598,825</u>	<u>\$270,930</u>	<u>\$24,899</u>	<u>\$23,219,625</u>	<u>\$934,346</u>
<b>Motor Vehicle Excise</b>						
1988	—	1,699,481	57,363	—	1,088,659	553,459
1987	87,609	926,229	96,384	—	834,729	82,725
1986	37,157	25,715	4,133	—	32,882	25,857
1985	23,510	—	20,203	—	3,307	—
1984	12,037	—	12,037	—	—	—
	<u>\$160,313</u>	<u>\$2,651,425</u>	<u>\$190,120</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$1,959,577</u>	<u>\$662,041</u>
<b>Farm Animal Excise</b>						
1988	—	406	—	—	—	406
1987	—	519	—	—	519	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>\$925</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$519</u>	<u>\$406</u>

**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE**  
**YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1988**

DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	AMOUNT		OUTSTANDING AT JUNE 30, 1988
					OUTSTANDING AT JUNE 30, 1987	RETIREMENTS	
<b>Bonds:</b>							
Westland & Harrington Schools	05-01-68	05-01-88	4.30%	3,100,000	70,000	0	0
Byam School	07-15-69	07-15-89	6.00%	2,075,000	300,000	0	200,000
Sewer Plans—Design	11-15-86	10-15-90	4.40%	860,000	860,000	0	610,000
Sewer Construction #	01-15-88	01-15-98	6.80%	5,000,000	0	5,000,000	5,000,000
Conservation Land Purchase	01-15-88	01-15-93	6.80%	860,000	0	860,000	860,000
Capital Improvements 1987	07-01-87	07-01-91	5.00%	2,295,000	0	2,295,000	2,295,000
<b>Total Bonds Payable</b>					<u>1,230,000</u>	<u>8,155,000</u>	<u>8,965,000</u>
<b>Notes</b>							
Conservation Land Purchase	Various	Various	Various		863,000	0	863,000
Capital Improvements 1987	Various	Various	Various		2,295,520	0	2,295,520
Sewer Construction #1	Various	Various	Various		3,500,000	4,750,000	3,250,000
School Improvements #6	Various	Various	Various		540,150	0	540,150
Sewer Construction #2	Various	Various	Various		0	2,750,000	2,750,000
Capital Improvements 1988	Various	Various	Various		0	2,003,481	2,003,481
<b>Total Notes Payable</b>					<u>7,198,670</u>	<u>9,503,481</u>	<u>8,003,481</u>
<b>Total</b>					<u>8,428,670</u>	<u>17,658,481</u>	<u>16,968,481</u>

**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD**  
**TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**  
**JUNE 30, 1988**

**TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS:**

In Custody of Treasurer	\$1,084,339
In Custody of Library Trustees	120,216
In Custody of Selectmen	976
In Custody of Veterans Emergency Fund Committee	12,935

**IN CUSTODY OF TREASURER:**

Geo. W. Barris-Varney Playground	\$ 5,495
Conservation Fund	8,750
Wright Reservation	30,807
Stabilization Fund	376,917
Insurance Sinking Fund	71,812
Educational Collaborative	944
Police Special Account	3,720
Group Ins. Claims Chap 32B	51,758
Cemetery Funds:	
Geo. W. Barris Memorial	10,089
Perpetual Care	505,859
Adam Emerson	1,272
Christopher Roby	12,608
Vileata S. Douglas	3,002
Baptist Pond Cemetery	1,306
	<hr/> 1,084,339

**IN CUSTODY OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES:**

Amos F. Adams	33,327
Geo. W. Barris	291
Frances Clark	10,349
Clement Fund	32,391
Albert H. Davis	1,379
Frederick B. Edwards	4,690
Nathan B. Edwards	420
Victor E. Edwards	2,290
Adam Emerson	282
Ora Flint	1,802
George Memorial	3,545
Thomas P. Proctor	22,364
Serlina Richardson	752
Joseph E. Warren	321
Gertrude Wright	2,762
Aaron George-Cemetery Fund	3,251
	<hr/> 120,216

**IN CUSTODY OF SELECTMEN:**

Emma Gay-Varney Playground	<hr/> 976
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**IN CUSTODY OF VETERANS:**

Emergency Fund Committee:	
Veterans Emergency Fund	12,935

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\$1,218,466

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\$1,218,466

## FISCAL YEAR 1988—EXPENDITURES BY FUND

DEPARTMENT	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	COMBINED TOTALS
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>					
Accounting	137,575		2,182		139,757
Assessors	224,680		54,562		279,242
Board of Appeals	7,137				7,137
Cable TV Commission	3,500				3,500
Charter Commission	697				697
Conservation Commission	7,240			6,234	13,474
Conservation Land Purchase	14,309		8,901		23,210
Constable	361				361
Data Processing	9,435				9,435
Elections	20,329	1,708			22,037
Employee Benefits:					
Chapter 32B Insurance	500,055			866,412	1,366,467
County Retirement Assessment	1,182,316				1,182,316
Medicare Tax	22,630				22,630
Unemployment Compensation	10,764				10,764
Veterans Pension Claims	6,068				6,068
Finance Committee	2,551				2,551
Historic District Commission	1,220				1,220
Historical Commission	332				332
Law	89,809				89,809
Liability Insurance	673,258				673,258
Medical-Retired Police/Fire	4,329				4,329
Mobile Home Rent Control	1,372				1,372
Moderator	375				375
NMAC Assessment	9,000				9,000
Personnel Board	579				579
Planning Board	25,055				25,055
Public Buildings	148,354		24,201		172,555
Registrars	33,556				33,556
Resource Recovery Committee	7,835				7,835
Selectmen	129,599	54,003			183,602
Town Clerk	117,330	2,360			119,690
Town Clock	600				600
Town Reports	5,200				5,200
Treasurer	207,053		21,230		228,283
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>3,604,503</b>	<b>58,071</b>	<b>111,076</b>	<b>872,646</b>	<b>4,646,296</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>					
Dog Officer	32,681				32,681
Dog Pound Construction	62,701				62,701
Emergency Management	2,369				2,369
Fire	2,515,997	30,000	548,428		3,094,425
Hydrant Service	81,000				81,000
Insect Pest Control	11,930				11,930
Inspection	184,761				184,761
Police	2,557,831	34,950	12,207		2,604,988
Police—Outside Detail	—			569,034	569,034
Sealer Weights & Measures	2,212				2,212
Traffic & Safety Committee	21,594				21,594
Tree Warden	14,875				14,875
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>5,487,951</b>	<b>64,950</b>	<b>560,635</b>	<b>569,034</b>	<b>6,682,570</b>
<b>EDUCATION:</b>					
Public Schools	19,965,746	2,026,039	755,559		22,747,344
Nashoba Regional Tech HS	637,520				637,520
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>20,603,266</b>	<b>2,026,039</b>	<b>755,559</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,384,864</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>					
Highway	1,178,505	102,275	634,700		1,915,480
Snow & Ice Removal	484,825				484,825
Street Lighting	132,399				132,399
Town Engineer	88,042				88,042
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>1,883,771</b>	<b>102,275</b>	<b>634,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,620,746</b>

**CULTURE AND RECREATION:**

Cultural Council	95	20,317			20,412
Holiday Decorating Committee	750				750
Library	677,182	20,395	51,377		748,954
Memorial Day	1,000				1,000
Park	41,014		8,000		49,014
Recreation Commission	64,953	6,806	14,235		85,994
Town Celebration	2,214				2,214
Varney Playground	5,252				5,252
Southwell Field Project	227,000	167,202			394,202
<b>Total Culture &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>1,019,460</b>	<b>214,720</b>	<b>73,612</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,307,792</b>

**HEALTH AND SANITATION:**

Animal Inspector	1,200				1,200
Board of Health	147,123	10,410	253,702		411,235
Lowell Mental Health	8,695				8,695
Sewer Commission	115,766	2,033,150	7,112,786		9,261,702
Waste Collection	1,182,333				1,182,333
<b>Total Health &amp; Sanitation</b>	<b>1,455,117</b>	<b>2,043,560</b>	<b>7,366,488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,865,165</b>

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

Cemetery	233,208	1,350	19,753	230	254,541
Commission on Handicapped	94				94
Council on Aging	106,473	12,922			119,395
Elder Services of Mer Valley	1,800				1,800
Sr. Citizen Center	121,460				121,460
Veterans Benefits	107,181				107,181
<b>Total Human Services</b>	<b>570,216</b>	<b>14,272</b>	<b>19,753</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>604,471</b>

**MATURING DEBT & INTEREST:**

Principal Payments	962,150				962,150
Interest Payments	469,254				469,254
<b>Total Debt &amp; Interest</b>	<b>1,431,404</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,431,404</b>

**STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:**

County	360,387				360,387
State	146,469				146,469
<b>Total Assessments</b>	<b>506,856</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>506,856</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>36,562,544</b>	<b>4,523,887</b>	<b>9,521,823</b>	<b>1,441,910</b>	<b>52,050,164</b>

## FISCAL YEAR 1988—REVENUE BY FUND

DEPARTMENT	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	COMBINED TOTALS
Property Taxes	23,539,077				23,539,077
Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,959,576				1,959,576
Farm Animal Excise Taxes	519				519
Interest Property Taxes	140,059				140,059
Hotel-Motel Excise Taxes	151,678				151,678
Intergovernmental—State	9,821,719	3,655,631			13,477,350
Intergovernmental—Federal	0	830,578			830,578
Fees	126,202				126,202
Rentals	35,160				35,160
Departmental	89,307	1,645,701		647,859	2,382,867
Licenses and Permits	439,017				439,017
Fines and Forfeits	244,077				244,077
Investment Income	359,879	17,789		100,217	477,885
Lowell Regional Transit Auth	24,435				24,435
Misc.	7,215				7,215
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>36,937,920</b>	<b>6,149,699</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>748,076</b>	<b>43,835,695</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCE:</b>					
Bond Proceeds	0	0	9,507,067	0	9,507,067
Operating Transfers In	582,969	11,799	3,520	801,470	1,399,758
Operating Transfers Out	-816,789	-360,103	0	-222,866	-1,399,758
<b>Total Other Finance Source</b>	<b>-233,820</b>	<b>-348,304</b>	<b>9,510,587</b>	<b>578,604</b>	<b>9,507,067</b>
<b>Total Revenue and Other Financing Source</b>	<b>36,704,100</b>	<b>5,801,395</b>	<b>9,510,587</b>	<b>1,326,680</b>	<b>53,342,762</b>
<b>Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>141,556</b>	<b>1,277,508</b>	<b>-11,236</b>	<b>-115,230</b>	<b>1,292,598</b>



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fiscal "88" proved to be a very progressive year in the fire service and we are happy to say fire loss was low.

Again, due to the cooperation of the officers, firefighters and office staff, I feel that we had another year in which we made great progress.

We have worked hard this past year complying with new rules and regulations, modernizing the stations with what funds we had to work with. All five (5) stations have been painted in and out and all the lighting has been changed to energy efficient lights. We have put in service a new fire alarm truck to take care of the elaborate fire alarm system that this day and age demands.

We have purchased a small amount of hazmat equipment and put it in service. Our equipment is a small beginning but we are hoping eventually this will be implemented on a regional basis because of the cost of compliance.

We had a few changes this year within our department.

Firefighter Gerald Tonks, a member of the department since 1966 retired through superannuation. Mary Ann Koulas, our department assistant also retired after 20 years service with the Fire Department. Robert Villare, a firefighter transferred to the Police Department. James Durkin and John Robinson were appointed as permanent firefighters.

It is our desire to continue to serve the Town in the best possible manner and wish to thank you for your support in the past and in the future.

I would also like to thank the town officials and employees for the continued cooperation during "1988". For the men in the department—again, my sincere thanks and my deep appreciation for your support toward me as chief and for your high standard of courage shown this year, as always.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Hughes  
Fire Chief

### CHELMSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS—1988

1988	Vehicle Auto	Building	Medical Assistance	Mutual Aid	Invest.	Outdoor	Service Calls	False Alarms	Totals
January	8	5	36	—	73	8	8	6	144
February	5	8	45	—	46	1	7	5	117
March	4	7	59	5	60	18	8	8	169
April	5	4	34	3	75	30	9	11	171
May	4	5	49	—	55	14	15	3	145
June	8	7	34	—	73	12	9	4	147
July	7	3	61	2	73	13	18	1	178
August	10	6	49	1	74	9	8	9	166
September	7	4	34	1	49	9	17	8	129
October	6	2	40	1	66	4	13	4	136
November	8	5	41	1	70	11	14	3	153
December	7	7	48	2	72	9	12	—	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1812</b>

#### FIRE CHIEF

Robert L. Hughes

#### DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

James A. Sousa

#### CAPTAINS

Charles S. Galloway, Jr.

James M. Spinney

Charles A. Schramm

James P. Boormeester

Michael F. Curran

John Depalma

William V. Cady, Jr.

Ernest Frobese

William Burke

Edward Nolet

William Jamer

Richard Miller

Brian Stanton

David Campbell

Mark Conlin

David Clancy

Anthony Cincevich

Richard O'Neil

Leo Martin

Dennis Vargeletis

William Curran

Joseph Spinazola

Peter Johnson

John Ubele

John Reid

William Keohane

Leslie Merrill

James Durkin

John Robinson

#### FIREFIGHTERS

#### UNIT 3

#### UNIT 4

#### UNIT 1

#### UNIT 2

Arthur Anderson  
Emil Magiera

Robert Bennett  
Donald Drew

Peter Wetherbee  
Francis Conlin  
William Hadley  
Walter F. Adley, Jr.

Jack Hadley  
Paul Henderson  
James Cutter  
James Flaherty

Richard Grenon  
 Michael McTeague  
 James Curran  
 Michael Ridlon  
 Raymond Kydd  
 William F. Dalton  
 Thomas Miskell  
 John Carroll  
 William Campbell  
 James Reid

Paul D. Hayes  
 Terrance Goode  
 Daniel Reid  
 David Gelineau  
 Dennis Keohane  
 Bruce Donovan  
 David Hadley  
 Kevin Clarke  
 Arthur Rivard  
 Jesse Foster

**SENIOR CLERK**

Martha A. Desaulnier

**MECHANICS**

Anthony Vaccaro  
 James Keeley

**JUNIOR CLERK**

Barbara O'Leary

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

I hereby submit my report of the Highway Department for the year 1988.

The maintenance of all town streets was carried out in the usual manner. This includes street sweeping, basin cleaning and repairs, the cleaning of brooks, culverts and drainage easements, patching pot holes and washouts, replacement and erection of street signs, the painting of traffic lines and cross walks, guard rail repair, roadside mowing and brush trimming. In the winter months the department sanded, salted, snow plowed and removed snow when necessary, to insure safe travel for the public.

The following roads were resurfaced with bituminous concrete: Warren Ave. (from Boston Road to Pine Street); Riverneck Road (from Billerica Road to Digital); Smith Street (from Parkhurst Road to Balsam Drive); Old Westford Road (from Westford Street to Rack Road); Drum Hill Road (from Drum Hill Rotary to Union National Bank); Main Street (from School Street to Westford Town Line); Sections of Carlisle Street, Park Road, Pilgrim Road, Clover Hill Drive, and Wiggin Street.

The following drainage projects were completed. Locust Road, High Street, Richardson Road, Fairbanks Road, Dunstable Road. Approximately 25 smaller projects were completed. We also oiled and stone sealed a major portion of the Westlands area. We plan to complete this area in the Spring.

Also planned for the Spring are the resurfacing of the following streets: School Street (Main Street to Graniteville Road); Pine Hill Road (Westford Street to Clover Hill Road); DeWolf Drive (entire length).

The department has experienced major changes in management personnel due to the retirement of the Supt. and both foremen. It is our goal to insure the citizens of Chelmsford prompt, courteous service as well as quality workmanship. I hope you will be understanding and patient with us as we bring the town into the 1990's.

The department wishes to thank Harold Gray, Supt., Frederick "Huck" Greenwood, foreman and Arthur "Blackie" Deschaine, foreman, for their many years of dedicated service to the town and we wish them a long and prosperous retirement.

I would also like to thank the men in the department for their cooperation throughout the year and to express my appreciation to other Town Departments for their help throughout the year. A special thanks goes to Pearl Koulas and Shirley Fletcher for all their extra time and effort in keeping the office running smoothly and to the foremen, Bobby Loyd, Roy Costa and Rick Dillon for all their help and advice.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Michael A Crory  
 Supt. of Streets

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROSTER****Superintendent of Streets**

Michael A. Crory

**Foreman**

Bobby Loyd                      Roy Costa                      Frederick Dillon

**Supervisor of Central Operations**

Pearl Koulas

**Clerk**

Shirley Fletcher

**Grader Operator**

Arthur L. Newcomb

**Mechanics—Heavy Equipment**

John C. Ferreira, Jr.  
 Richard Jensen

**Engineering Equipment Operators**

Dennis Greenwood  
 Lawrence J. Ferreira  
 Walter J. McLaughlin, Jr.  
 Richard Soucier

**Truck Drivers, Laborers**

Gary E. Beaulieu                      Stephen Harvey  
 John J. Cronin                      Ernest A. Howland  
 James T. Crotty                      Edward Jamros  
 Robert Dearborn                      Joseph C. Oczkowski

**Laborers**

Leslie L. Dukeshire, Jr.  
 Kenneth R. Burroughs  
 Mickey Dearborn

## INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

I hereby submit my report for the year 1988.

CALENDAR YEAR	# OF PERMITS	FEES COLLECTED
1988		1988
Building Permits	620	\$229,455.00
Gas Permits	850	19,194.00
Plumbing Permits	771	17,726.00
Wire Permits	861	35,831.00
Sign Permits	89	4,795.00
Cert. of Inspections	104	4,235.00
Cert. of Occupancy	33	1,400.00
Yard Sale Permits	116	680.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>3,444</b>	<b>\$313,316.00</b>

Sincerely,

Anthony F. Zagzoug  
Inspector of Buildings

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report of the Police Department for the year 1988.

At the present time the department is made up of 56 permanent officers.

### Chief of Police

Raymond P. McKeon

### Deputy Chief of Administration

James C. Greska

### Deputy Chief of Operations

Pennryn D. Fitts

### Captains

Armand J. Caron

John J. Mack

Phillip N. Molleur

### Sergeants

Leslie H. Adams

Raymond G. McCusker

Robert M. Burns

John O. Walsh

Steven Burns

### Department Criminal Prosecution—

#### Lowell District Court

Sergeant Lance Cunningham

### Criminal Bureau

#### Sergeant

William R. McAllister

### Inspectors

Brian F. Mullen

Eugene W. Walsh

James F. Murphy

Ernest R. Woessner

Timothy F. O'Connor

## Drug/Alcohol Control Unit

### Sergeant

Francis X. Roark

### Inspectors

Jared S. Finnegan

Roland E. Linstad

### Community Services & Safety Officer

Patrick W. Daley

### Crime Prevention Officer

Joseph R. Gamache

### Juvenile Officer

Kenneth R. Duane

### Patrolmen

Richard A. Adams

Debra Metcalf

Edgar L. Auger

James F. Midgley

Paul E. Cooper

Thomas A. Niemaszyk

Alan Cote

John E. Redican

Bruce A. Darwin

Paul Richardson

John J. Donovan

Chandler J. Robinson

James T. Finnegan

Edward M. Rooney

William J. Floyd, III

E. Michael Rooney

Daniel Houston

Mark St. Hilaire

Gail Hunter

Michael M. Stott

Francis P. Kelly

William S. Strobel

Martin Kirkorian

Francis Teehan

Russell H. Linstad

Robert Trudel

David MacKenzie

Scott Ubele

John M. McGeown

Robert Villare

Peter C. McGeown

William R. Walsh

### Matrons

Donna Fox

Kimberly Martin

Michelle Guillemette

Jo-Ann Molleur

Karen M. Leonard

### Principal Clerk

Karen M. Leonard

### Senior Clerks

Marie K. DiRocco

Mary Jane Grant

Jo-Ann Moelleur

### Jr. Clerk

Donna Fox

## RECEIPTS TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN

	1987	1988
Photocopying Machine . . . . .	\$8,322.00	\$4,525.00
Firearms Permits . . . . .	1,305.00	3,910.00
Bicycle Registration . . . . .	11.00	23.50
Firearms Identification Cards . . . . .	422.00	462.00
Court Fines . . . . .	193,730.50	226,083.50
Photographs . . . . .	422.00	788.00
Police Detail Account		
Service Charge . . . . .	15,489.28	27,767.69
Miscellaneous . . . . .	6,330.00	9,880.00
Parking Fines . . . . .	15,120.00	12,980.00
Restitution . . . . .	15,053.20	18,345.00
Total Receipts returned to the Town . . . . .	\$255,326.98	\$304,764.69

**ARRESTS**

	1987	1988
Crimes Against Persons . . . . .	72	36
Crimes Against Property . . . . .	178	129
Crimes Against Public Order . . . . .	367	293

**DISPOSITION OF CASES**

Fines . . . . .	96	108
Placed On Probation . . . . .	25	19
Suspended Sentence & Placed on Probation . . . . .	8	8
Placed On File . . . . .	43	38
Not Guilty Finding . . . . .	3	0
Dismissed With Probable Cause . . . . .	7	4
Ordered to Pay Court Costs & Continued Without A Finding . . . . .	99	7
Committed to Youth Services Board . . . . .	1	3
Committed to M.C.I. Cedar Junction . . . . .	1	0
Committed to M.C.I. Concord . . . . .	0	0
Committed to House of Correction, Billerica . . . . .	15	22
Turned Over to Other P.D.'s & Courts . . . . .	16	55
Cases Pending & Continued in Court . . . . .	308	170
Placed in Alcohol Safety Program . . . . .	36	19

**MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS**

Calls Answered by Cruisers . . . . .	11,862	10,689
Summons Served . . . . .	752	643
Licenses Suspended or Revoked . . . . .	832	300
Accidents Reported . . . . .	2,150	1,791
Personal Injury Accidents . . . . .	537	475
Fatal Accidents . . . . .	3	2
Mileage on Cruisers . . . . .	380,200	485,434
Special Property Checks (Aux. Police) . . . . .	5,750	34,800
Station Lockups . . . . .	729	513
Citations Issued . . . . .	3,568	5,858
Parking Violations . . . . .	1,462	998
Doors & Windows Found Open . . . . .	54	69
Detoxification Unit . . . . .	112	80

Quarters for the Drug and Alcohol Control Unit was constructed in the rear garage. This will provide this unit with the separate and confidential environment so necessary to their efforts.

A drug "Hot Line" telephone was installed in the Drug and Alcohol Control Unit quarters. The number, 256-6257, is equipped with an answering machine and all calls, both confidential and anonymous will be investigated.

What was formerly the huge walk-in safe was remodelled to provide the Superior officers with a much-needed locker room.

The police station parking lot expansion project was at least completed to the degree that there is more space to accommodate 33 additional vehicles.

The new radio console system was installed and provides the department with a state-of-the-art communications center.

The department implemented a Color Guard this year. Members were selected on a volunteer basis and already this honor guard unit has marched in parades, funerals and other notable functions. All expenses for this unit are paid via the Chelmsford Police Department Community Action Foundation, Inc.

This year saw the inception of a 3 Officer Traffic Control Unit and unfortunately, due to fiscal constraints, the termination of this unit. While in operation over a period of 6 months, this concept met with a great degree of success and was highly applauded by the townspeople.

The efforts of this department served to generate the sum of \$304,764.69 which reverberated back into the general fund of the Town.

**AUXILIARY POLICE REPORT**

The year 1988 was one of the most productive years ever in the history of the Auxiliary Police unit. The events that the Auxiliary assisted at are Memorial Day Parade, Early Bird Road Race, Flag Day ceremonies, Middlesex County Kennel Club Show, Chelmsford High School graduation, July 3rd festivities, July 4th parade, Halloween school security, Thanksgiving football field and school security. This year as in past years, the Auxiliary performed our vacant house checks and school and town property checks. The program was in operation on 341 nights. The statistics were vacant home checks 3,480, school checks 12,180, town and special property checks 19,140 for a total property check figure of 34,800. This year the second Auxiliary cruiser was in full operation. The unit continues to train and we currently have six officers attending the Mass. Criminal Justice Reserve Police Officers Academy, which meets once a week for 16 weeks. The officers receive training in Criminal Law, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, First Aid and Firearms. The Auxiliary continues to sponsor the Law Enforcement Explorer Post #370 and these young men and women participated in every event with the unit. This past June 29, 1988, the Dracut police requested assistance in locating a missing elderly male alzheimer's patient who was possibly in the Dracut Town forest. The Auxiliary and Explorer scouts responded and were directly involved with locating and probably saving the man's life. The unit and the scouts received praise from the Dracut Chief of Police. The past year the amount of hours donated to the town almost quadrupled. The men and women of the Auxiliary donated a total of 19,348 man hours. During its nightly cruiser patrol duties, the unit assisted the regulars at accident scenes with traffic control and at large youth parties. This year the Auxiliary also assisted the town with the sewer construction details for traffic control.

I would like to thank the members of my Auxiliary unit for their extraordinary effort and time and to the explorer scouts and the members' families who gave so much of their time to the town. I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support, the Chief and the Deputy Chiefs and the officers of the police department for their assistance and support over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sergeant Raymond G. McCusker

**Auxiliary Roster**

Director—Sgt. Raymond C. McCusker  
Chelmsford Police Department

**Auxiliary Officers**

Mike Beaudoin	Erik Merrill
Bill Beaumont	Fred Pomerleau
John Bell	Brad Poole
Ken Berger	Kevin Proulx
Russell Bovill	Edward Quinn
Joseph Eriksen	James Quinn
George Fetzer	Ralph Roscoe
Eric Gordon	Joseph Shields
Dave Irvine	James Spinney
Dave Leo	Mike Taplin
Heather Linstad	Bill Tessier
Kim Martin	David Tyler
Steve Manning	Steve Vowels
Daniel McLarney	Craig Walsh

**VETERANS' SERVICES**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of the Town of Chelmsford, I am submitting the annual report of activities of this department as Veterans' Agent and Investigator for the year of 1988.

Veterans' Benefits is a state mandated organization duly authorized under Chapter 115, MGL Section 1 through 5. Two valued services are provided. One pertains to assistance with federal benefits under the Veterans' Administration, the other to financially aid and give assistance to qualified veterans and their dependents under Veterans' Benefits.

The Cash and Material Grant of \$53,000.00 from the Town of Chelmsford is reimbursed 75% by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On a state level my case load varies between 22 and 28 families.

**Veterans Administration/Federal Expenditures  
Town of Chelmsford**

Compensation to veterans' service-connected death	\$ 7,500.00
Dependents Indemnity	
Compensation (DIC)	118,250.00
Sons, daughters, wives and widows education	32,000.00
Specially adapted housing for disabled veterans	1,100.00
Veterans' death pension	195,200.00
Veterans disability compensation	170,500.00
Veterans disability pension	190,000.00
Veterans insurance and indemnities	125,000.00
Veterans re-adjustment training	75,000.00
Veterans burial awards and other miscellaneous benefit payments	18,000.00

Vocational rehabilitation training for disabled veterans

3,300.00

Presently, I serve as Vice-Chairman of the Auditing and Finance Committee for the Massachusetts Veterans' Agent Association. Also, serve on their Executive Board. I continue to be active with Middlesex County Veterans' Agents association and hold membership in American Society of Notaries. I wish to express my appreciation to town Officials, "Spirit of Christmas", American Legion Posts 212 and 313 and other civic organizations for their continued cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. McAuliffe, LSW  
Certified Veterans' Agent

**BOARD OF APPEALS****Members**

Daniel Burke, Chairman	Gustave Fallgren
Robert Kydd, Vice Chairman	Eileen Duffy
Harold Organ, Jr.	

**Alternates**

Robert Scharn	Ronald Pare
Karen Wharton	

**Clerk**

Marjorie Hennessy

**Hearing Statistics:**

	Total	Granted	Denied	Withdrawn
Variations	75	59	9	7
Special Permits	22	14	8	
Comprehensive Permit	4	2	2	
Total	101	75	19	7

**Number of Meetings held for Comprehensive Permits**

Russell Mill	5
Lamplighter Green	8
Housing Authority	4
The Commons	<u>6</u>
	23

The Board of Appeals met in excess of forty evenings during 1988, well above any other period in the history of the Town of Chelmsford. The reason for the high number of meetings was the filing of four (4) Comprehensive Permits (Chapter 40B) for Affordable Housing.

The Board welcomed its newest alternate, Karen Wharton, Karen has brought a conscientious and objective viewpoint to the Board that is a must for any person sitting in this capacity.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the efforts of the Board this past year, particularly those

members who sat as a body on all Comprehensive Permits. Those sitting were Robert Kydd, Gus Fallgren, Eileen Duffy, Ron Pare and Dan Burke. These five members were consistent and objective in all decisions made regarding the Comprehensive Permit process and sometimes under very difficult circumstances, made the proper decisions on the merits of each individual application.

It has been a pleasure serving with this group on these permit hearings and I would also like to thank Bernie Lynch, the Board of Selectmen, Richard Day, the Finance Committee, and all other Town Boards for their cooperation during 1988.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W. Burke, Chairman

### CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Stephen J. Chinetti  
Raymond Day  
James Gifford

Walter R. Hedlund  
Charles Marderasion

The annual 1988 Fourth of July Celebration was a huge success, thanks to all Chelmsford Organizations that participated and assisted in the Celebration. We, wish to thank all.

Plans are progressing for the 1989 Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund, Chairman

### CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Walter R. Hedlund, Emergency Coordinator  
John E. Abbott  
George R. Dixon  
Raymond Day  
William W. Edge  
Police Depty. Pennryn D. Fitts  
Fire Capt. Charles S. Galloway

The Emergency Management Committee (Civil Defense) has been very active this past year, preparing plans for Title III S.A.R.A. Hazardous Plans. The Committee meets the second Tuesday of each months, preparing reports for Federal and State Emergency Agencies.

Many volunteer hours were spent this past year by Emergency Coordinator and members at various Seminars of Hazardous Materials, Radiology and Natural Disasters.

We, thank the Board of Selectmen, Executive Secretary and all Department Heads and personnel for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund  
Emergency Coordinator

### CHELMSFORD COMMISSION ON HANDICAPPED AFFAIRS

Commission meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Chelmsford Town Offices. The Commission worked enthusiastically during the year and met once a month.

Several accessibility studies were done throughout the town including public buildings, restaurants, schools, apartments, and condominiums.

The Commission sponsored a regional meeting of area handicapped commissions in late October which was well attended and well received. The excellent accessibility of the Town Offices was a commonly heard comment before and after the meeting.

Finally, a townwide survey to determine the various disabilities, and the number and needs of Chelmsford's disabled citizens was prepared as a questionnaire. Distribution to all Chelmsford residents is expected in early 1989. Accordingly, the Commission will focus its efforts on these areas.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
1988**

Members	Responsibilities	Term Exp.
James H. McBride	Chairman	1989
Judith Hass	Land Acquisition	1990
William R. Greenwood	Wetlands	1991
Charles Galloway	Clerk & Reservation Mgt.	1991
Dr. John Droscher	Wetlands	1990
John D. Scott	Treasurer & Land Acquisition	1991
Karen G. Flynn	Wetlands	1989
Marjorie Hennessy	Secretary	

The Conservation Commission continues to keep as its primary goal the preservation of the natural and desirable aspects of the Town of Chelmsford.

The duties associated with the local administration of the Wetlands Protection Act easily absorb most of the time and effort of the Commission members. A total of eighteen public hearings were held this year in accordance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. After careful review of each proposed plan, the Commission issued sixteen Orders of Conditions. One was withdrawn and another is still pending. Eleven hearings were also held for Determination of Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act and ten Negative Determinations were issued.

Community involvement in advising the Commission when wetlands transgressions begin to happen has been a tremendous help in assisting the Commission with the protection of the Town's wetland areas. Cooperation between Town Boards has enabled the Commission to inform a developer at the beginning stages of the development that a filing with the Commission would be necessary. This helps to avoid costly and unnecessary expenses on the part of the town and the developer.

Hopefully, in the coming year, work will be completed at the Wright Reservation with the help of the Chelmsford Garden Club.

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

*When the going gets tough—the tough get going!*

"True Grit" was a movie made famous by John Wayne and in many ways it characterizes the quality of Chelmsford's older citizens during this past year. For they clearly demonstrated to everyone their resilient fiber, unswerving perseverance and steadfast enthusiasm to build a new center. Set back in August by the high construction costs for their original building, they quickly regrouped, made the necessary concessions and moved on to a new design. The fruit of their perseverance was an acceptable bid by D.G.R. Construction Co. of North Billerica to build the new center at a cost of \$1,842,893. Alleluia!

**Senior Power**

Amid the challenges there was considerable growth and reward. The **Furnishing & Support Committee**, under the chairmanship of **Mr. Gene Raby**, reached the \$100,000 mark and they will continue to work steadily towards their goal of \$150,000. All of the monies received will go directly into furnishing and supporting the expenses at the new center. A true tribute to their responsible attitude and independent resourcefulness.

**Meeting the Needs**

Positive growth was apparent in all activities.

Nutrition Program:	24,000 lunches
Meals on Wheels:	12,500 delivered lunches
Lectures: (Medical, Legal, Health)	1,200 participants
Respite:	45 families with 18,000 hrs. of service
General:	Over 300 people used the Center each week
Outreach:	Planned activities for the 101 residents at McFarlin & Smith St. each week
Transportation:	Over 6,000 trips to hospitals, day care centers, doctor's office, shopping & activities
Tax & Fuel Assistance:	Volunteers and Senior Aides assisted 223 clients
Home Visits:	On average over Senior Aides (4) and Outreach Worker visited over 100 home-bound elders each week
Friendly Visitor:	At year's end we had 14 matchups and this program will continue to grow)

**General Comments**

Considering the budget cuts, we demonstrate extraordinary determination and desire to maintain quality services and to expand into new areas. As we progress, we will evolve and we will draw younger people into our ranks. Intergenerational programs at the high school and educa-

tional seminars for caregivers are two examples. Reaching out to the frail and the home-bound will continue to be our highest priority. We can look back with satisfaction, but we must look ahead with vision and the commitment to make it a reality.

**COA Members:** Ashton Ricker, Chairman, Christina Ahern, Allen Bennett, Esther Christensen, Robert Clough, Annette Holtzman, Kathleen McDonald, Jean Mark, Howard Moore, Fern Ricker, Verne Woodward.

## RECREATION COMMISSION

### MEMBERS

Robert Charpentier	Chairman
Evelyn Newman	Vice Chairman
Michael Ablove	
Robert Crowley	
Robert Hayes	
Paul Murphy	
Joan Murray	
Ron Zylich	
Lorraine Murphy	Clerk

The Chelmsford Recreation Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission is responsible for developing, administering and supporting programs and facilities designed to fill the recreation needs of the residents of the Town.

The major portion of the Commission's activities is, and always has been, connected with organized youth activities. The Commission provides very limited funding for these activities; its main contribution to their success is as a liaison between organizations and other Town authorities, including the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Parks Department, and the Varney Commission. Indeed, the success of these youth activities would not be possible without the continued cooperation of these community authorities, especially in the area of scheduling fields and gymnasiums for all recreational activities.

Participation in the Summer Program continues to increase with the following activities being offered through the Summer months:

Outside & inside basketball, tennis lessons, playground programs at Varney Playground, Westland, South Row and Byam Schools, a swim and swimming lessons program at Freeman Lake, cross country track and field at the High School track. A six week series of free programs for children is offered on Wednesday mornings in the Town Offices gymnasium. A series of Concerts on the Common by the Chelmsford Community Band takes place throughout the Summer.

The Southwell Complex in North Chelmsford is now completed and does provide lighting for night use.

The Recreation Awards Committee helps needy youths of our community to attend sports clinics. The very popular

Summer Basketball Camp held under the direction of Jon Aronie, has presented Recreation with a donation to help with these awards.

With the generous donation from Women of Today, the Roberts Tot Lot has been refurbished. New equipment has been received for this lot and will be installed in the Spring.

The basketball court at South Row School has been resurfaced and relined. We would also like to add a standard and reline the basketball court at McFarlin field. Recreation Commission is responsible for the lighting for night skating at Roberts Field. We also furnished lighting for the McCarthy parking light, which also partly lights the track.

The new soccer fields on the Mill Road site will be ready for use by Spring of 1989. This project has been a cooperative effort between Recreation and Soccer Association. We wish to thank the Highway Department for their cooperation and help in getting this project completed. We are now in the process of attempting to obtain water so sprinklers can be added so that these fine fields can remain in such fine condition.

## VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE

The information presented this year is the Forty-First Annual Report of the Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee. The fund was established in 1947 for the benefit of Veterans of World War II, and to be administered by a Committee, appointed by the Selectmen annually. Each committee member shall be a Veteran of World War II, and each voting precinct of the town shall be represented on the committee.

The membership of the committee did change during 1988 since the number of voting precincts was reduced from twelve precincts to nine precincts.

One application for assistance was received during 1988 and was unanimously approved. Assistance was granted for a World War II Veteran with payment of a hospital bill.

Applications for assistance normally are sent to the Veterans' Agent and if the Veteran's Benefits Department is unable to assist, the application is then forwarded to our committee.

Assistance is always given in the form of material grants, such as rent, medical, fuel, light and clothing.

The fund did increase during 1988 over \$500.00 as well as disbursement of funds to help a Veteran. A Treasurer's Report also appears in the Annual Town Report.

The present membership of the committee is listed as follows:

Precinct 1: Russell E. Starck  
Precinct 2: Russell E. Butterfield



Precinct 3: James J. Walker  
 Precinct 4: John J. McNulty  
 Precinct 5: George F. Waite  
 Precinct 6: Alfred H. Coburn  
 Precinct 7: Robert T. Clough  
 Precinct 8: Thomas F. Balfrey  
 Precinct 9: Melvin E. deJager

Members who have served in the past, and not reappointed in 1988, due to precinct changes are:

Robert E. Donaldson      Harold C. Giffin  
 Herbert T. Knutson      Carl J. Lebedzinski

We wish to thank each of these past members for their service on the committee and for their willingness to serve.

The committee members extend their appreciation to the various town officials, to the Veterans' Agent and staff, and to town employees who have helped the committee during the past years.

## VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND

Treasurer's Report to the Board of Selectmen  
 January 1st, 1988 through December 31st, 1988

### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance on Hand as of January 1st, 1988: .....	\$12,898.00
Add Receipts:	
The Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest: .....	\$219.28
The Comfed Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest: .....	325.99
The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest: .....	441.13
Total Interest Received: .....	986.40
Total Balance on Hand as of January 1st, 1988 and Receipts: ..	13,884.40
Deduct Disbursements	
For Veteran's Assistance; one application approved for payment of medical bills from Central Savings Bank: .....	460.00
Balance on Hand as of December 31st, 1988 .....	<u>13,424.40</u>

### ASSETS

Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Account No. 128790 .....	3,866.53
Comfed Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Account No. 4574000012 .....	4,060.52
Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Account No. 440007431 .....	5,497.35
Total Assets .....	13,424.40
Total Liabilities .....	None
Total Assets, Less Liabilities .....	<u>\$13,424.40</u>

Respectfully yours,

Town of Chelmsford  
 Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee,

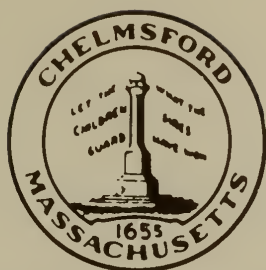
Alfred H. Coburn, Treasurer

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# NOTES

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OFFICES  
50 BILLERICA ROAD  
CHELMSFORD, MASS. 01824-2777

CITIZENS ACTIVITY RECORD

"GOOD GOVERNMENT STARTS WITH YOU"

If you are interested in serving on an appointed town committee, please fill out this form and mail to: Executive Secretary, Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 50 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824. The filling out of this form in no way assures appointment. All committee vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity.

NAME.....HOME PHONE.....BUSINESS PHONE.....

ADDRESS.....AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE.....

INTEREST IN WHAT TOWN COMMITTEES.....

PRESENT BUSINESS AFFILIATION AND WORK.....

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.....

EDUCATION OR SPECIAL TRAINING.....

DATE APPOINTED

TOWN OFFICES HELD

TERM EXPIRED

REMARKS.....





## TOWN DIRECTORY

Accounting: 250-5215  
Assessors: 250-5220  
Board of Appeals: 250-5247  
(12:30-4:30 pm)  
Building Inspector: 250-5225  
(Yard Sales, Kennel & Bldg. Permits)  
Cemetery: 250-5245  
Community Teamwork: 459-0551  
Conservation Commission: 250-5247  
(12:30-4:30 pm)  
Council on Aging: 256-0013  
Dog Officer: 256-0754  
Fire Department: 256-2541  
All Other Fire Business: 250-5265  
Gas Inspector: 250-5225  
Health Department: 250-5241  
Highway Department: 250-5270  
Garage: 250-5271  
High School: 251-8729  
Housing Authority: 256-7425  
Libraries: Adams: 256-5521  
McKay: 251-3212  
Mass. Electric Co.: 458-1431  
Park Dept. Garage: 256-5073  
Planning Board Clerk: 250-5231  
Plumbing Inspector: 250-5225  
Police Department: 256-2521  
Post Office (Center): 256-2361  
Recreation Commission: 250-5262  
(8:30 am-12:30 pm)  
Registry of Deeds (Lowell): 458-8474  
Registry of Motor Vehicles: 459-9397  
School Administration: 251-4981  
Selectmen: 250-5201  
Sewer Commission: 250-5233  
Supt. of Public Bldgs: 250-5249  
Town Clerk: 250-5205  
Town Engineer: 250-5228  
Treasurer/Tax Collector: 250-5210  
Veterans' Agent: 250-5238  
Water Dept: 256-2381  
Welcome Wagon: 663-4030  
Welfare (Lowell): 454-8061  
Wiring Inspector: 250-5225  
24-hr. Junior Hotline 1-800-792-5117

### POLL LOCATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

Precinct 1: Town Offices Gym  
Precinct 2: Harrington School Gym  
Precinct 3: Harrington School Gym  
Precinct 4: Westlands School  
Precinct 5: Byam School Cafetorium  
Precinct 6: Westlands School  
Precinct 7: McCarthy Middle School  
Precinct 8: McCarthy Middle School  
Precinct 9: Town Offices Gym

**U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy**  
JFK Federal Bldg. Boston, MA 02202  
431 Russell Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**U.S. Senator John F. Kerry**  
10 Park Plaza  
Boston, MA 02116  
362 Russell Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**Congressman Chester G. Atkins**  
1429 Longworth House Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Lowell no. 459-0101

**State Senator Carol C. Amick**  
Room 416A State House  
Boston, MA 02133 722-1572  
Home: 18 Crescent Rd. Bedford

**State Representative Carol Clevon**  
Room 36 State House  
Boston, Ma 02133 722-2470  
Home: 4 Arbutus Ave., Chelmsford  
256-5043

**Middlesex County Commissioners**  
Superior Courthouse 494-4100  
East Cambridge, MA 02141